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Photo by Mark Arike

OPP Const. Sandy Adams approaches boaters on Lake Kashagawigamog during a Highlander ride-along on June 29. See page 19 for story.

Family devastated by cottage fire

By **Matthew Desrosiers**

A faulty propane tank nearly took the life of a family of cottagers on July 6, as their cottage burned to the ground in a matter of minutes.

Brian Williams and his wife of 37 years, Dianne, were in their cottage at 1037 Manitou Rd. with two of their grandchildren, Hailey, 9, and Jaxson, 8, when the unthinkable happened.

"I was on my way back up [to the cottage] and they were in the cottage," Brian said. "I was just at the bottom of a couple of steps to the deck, and all of a sudden I saw [a line of fire]

go across the deck, and then boom, flames went up the side of the cottage."

"I screamed at my wife to get the kids and get out of the cottage."

Dianne tried to take the kids out of the front door but it was already engulfed in flames. By the time she got to the back door the flames were licking the windows and burning the curtains. The only way out was to jump.

She threw the kids over the deck.

"I went back to get the dog, but my husband said 'No, you can't go in there.'"

It was at that moment, as Dianne was about to jump off the

deck, that the propane tank blew.

"The tank blew before I got off the deck," she said. "I had stuff in my hair and I had to pull out clumps of hair to get it out."

"That's how close we were to the fire."

"It gushed straight up," Brian said. "The flames were higher than the trees."

The back of Dianne's shirt was burned and she hurt her ankle, but otherwise was ok. When she got up, she screamed for the children, but they were already at the neighbours calling the fire department.

See **"Community"** on page 8

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Highlander news

Highlands East may impose watering ban

By Mark Arike

Cardiff, the only town in Highlands East with full municipal water and sewer services, will likely fall under a watering ban on July 16.

"It's looking like by the end of this week, if we don't get significant rain that the Crowe Valley [Conservation Authority] (CVCA) will be going into a level-one drought response, which we then have to advertise and ask people to cut their water consumption by 10 per cent," said Glen Covert, environmental supervisor for the Municipality of Highlands East at a July 10 council meeting.

The CVCA operates 13 dams along the Crowe River and its tributaries. It works in partnership with its member municipalities, which Highlands East is one of, and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

According to the CVCA's website, an area or watershed is considered to be in drought if: it is below normal levels of precipitation over an extended period of time; streamflows are at the minimum requirement to sustain aquatic life; or low water conditions are causing socio-economic effects.

On July 9, Cardiff residents were using twice as much water as what was going back into the system.

"They were drawing 450 litres [of water] per minute out and only putting back in 220 [litres per minute]," said Covert.

He said the municipality ran into a similar situation a few years ago. Reeve Dave Burton asked whether or not the ban at that time was hard to police.

"We sent notices and 90 per cent of the people did comply," he said.

Ward 1 Councillor Steven Kauffeldt agreed with imposing a temporary watering ban.

"I think that we should be proactive about this," said Kauffeldt. "We do have a new well in Cardiff and more water, but watering the lawn is not a priority."

"I think people need to be aware this is the reality in a municipal system," he said.

Ward 3 Councillor Cecil Ryall asked Covert if data would be available to back his water usage numbers. Covert said it most certainly could be tracked.

"Maybe what we could do is validate the fact that this has to be done because we just don't have the water supply," said Ryall.

"You just can't have what we don't have, regardless of what you're using it for."

Council passed a resolution to set the watering ban in Cardiff if there isn't significant rainfall.

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Highlander news

Greater accessibility for county hall

By Lisa Harrison

Additional accessibility upgrades to the county hall building at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden will be completed this year following council approval at its June 27 meeting.

Deputy clerk Angela Balle reported the joint accessibility committee's recommendation to complete the outstanding upgrades from the Barrier Aware Assessment conducted in December.

The county has already made most of the needed changes identified through the assessment, including:

installation of wheelchair-accessible computer tables on the main floor via the Community Access Program, relocation of the resource centre, installation of high-contrast strips to indicate floor elevation changes, installation of a whistle in the elevator in case assistance is needed, and installation of accessible signage on the main floor and on washroom doors.

Council approved the committee's recommendation to complete the outstanding upgrades at an estimated \$4,350 for parts and labour. The upgrades are: folding shelves near toilets, an additional handrail in stairwells, levered

door handles on washroom stalls and soap dispenser replacements. Budgeted funds in the building capital line can cover expenses if all work is undertaken in 2012.

Council also approved the committee's recommendation to install signage by the rear access ramp indicating it is not accessible and conduct further research as to how to make the first-floor washroom more accessible.

Balle advised council the 12 Newcastle Street building has also been assessed to identify accessibility deficiencies and that report will be presented at the committee's next meeting.

Tim Horton's site plan agreement nearing approval

By Lisa Harrison

New changes to the site plan agreement for the new Tim Horton's on County Rd. 21 in Haliburton were approved at county council's June 27 meeting and are still with TDL Group Corporation for response.

Council approved a recommendation from the roads committee for improvements to the agreement, including creation of right and left turn lanes with storage and tapers, shoulder paving, property widening and related storm water management improvements, with costs

to be covered by TDL.

Since council will not meet again until July 25, to keep the process moving councillors agreed to Warden Murray Fearrey's request to hold a special meeting after the July 11 planning committee meeting, which all councillors attend, to review any response from TDL.

However, TDL had not replied by that date and council will continue to wait for feedback.



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Editorial opinion

Put out your fires



By Matthew Desrosiers

There's a fire ban in the Highlands.

It's too dry. The rain hasn't come, and that's bad news for anyone who lives near the woods, which, well, is everyone.

Forest fires aren't entirely a bad thing. They infuse the forest with nutrients, continuing a cycle of life that has been going on since well before humans walked into the picture.

But, of course, now that humans are around, forest fires take on a whole different, destructive nature.

Just ask residents in northern Ontario whose cottages and homes were ravaged by uncontrollable flames in May. Firefighters worked day and night to douse the fires, but in the end it was a fortuitous change of winds that eventually saved Timmins and much of the surrounding populated area.

Forest fires aren't a joke. The feeling of helplessness while you watch on the news as the flames encroach upon your home is one you don't want to know of firsthand.

A close friend of mine from Timmins was in just that situation two months ago. His family's cottage, his grandfather's cottage and his girlfriend's cottage were all in the line of fire. When we spoke on the phone during those trying days, the stress was evident in his voice. All the work his family had put into those properties, the memories of time spent there and

the possibility of creating new ones could have all been lost. The fire department predicted the entire area would be razed to the ground, and it would have been if the wind hadn't changed mere hours before the fire reached his land.

Don't be fooled by the misconception that forest fires move slowly. The fires in northern Ontario moved fast. A YouTube video shows flames burning on the side of a highway. Within five minutes the wind caused the fire to jump four lanes to begin burning on the other side.

Just because my friend had time to evacuate the area, doesn't mean we all will be so lucky.

What's frustrating is these fires can be triggered by anything from lightning to some ignorant person who didn't heed the fire ban. The fire chiefs can't control nature, but they are doing everything in their power to prevent ignorance from triggering the same catastrophe in the Highlands. The fire ban will be in place until significant amounts of rain fall on the county.

In the event of a disastrous forest fire, there's little doubt the community would band together to overcome the devastation. However, it would be much better for everyone if we just put away the burn-barrels and campfires for a week or two and wait for some rain.

Eat local?

We're big supporters of all things local here at *The Highlander*, especially local food. You may have read some of our regular stories tracking the development of local food production by our intrepid reporter, Will Jones. He's been following the many entrepreneurs, farmers and non-profits as they grow the production, distribution and sales channels for local foods.

So when a new book came out questioning the whole local food movement, we took notice. *The Locovore's Dilemma*, written by a U of T geography professor and his policy analyst wife, argues that the push to grow and consume food close to home is based on false premises. These assumptions fall roughly into three categories: that local food is healthier, less damaging to the environment and important for sustainability.

On the health issue, the authors point out that organic farming, often synonymous with local food, involves a lot of natural fertilizers — otherwise known as manure. Manure contains bacteria like *E. coli* (remember Jack-in-the-Box?) that, when ingested, can be dangerous, even fatal. Yes, everything you eat should be washed thoroughly before eating, but the book suggests both that organic farmers are lax in their hygiene, and that consumers make false assumptions about the cleanliness of organic food and so tend to take fewer precautionary steps. Perhaps true, but then there are potential harms from chemical fertilizers and processes as well.

After health concerns, one of the pillars of the local food movement is its presumed lower impact on the environment. Shipping vegetables ten kilometres, in theory, should create less pollution and fewer carbon emissions than shipping them from ten thousand kilometres away. This premise too is attacked by *The Locovore's Dilemma*. Studies are cited to show that transporting large amounts of food by rail, ship and even air and truck creates fewer emissions; and, that small farms, particularly in northern climes such as ours, require more energy to grow food than places with year-round warmth and sun so that shipping carrots from California may actually use less total energy than carrots from Carnarvon. It's also pointed out to us that the majority of emissions are caused by consumers driving back and forth to buy food, not by shipments of food in bulk, and we've known for some time that cutting down on emissions-intensive meat may make more of a difference than most other measures.

Last, the *The Locovore's Dilemma* takes on the sustainability argument. Besides the fact, say the authors, that our part of North America simply does not have

the variety of food sources needed to provide a healthy, year-round diet of the type most modern people expect, only industrial farming

can deliver the high yields necessary to feed an exponentially growing global population. They also claim that many initiatives rely on subsidies and volunteer labour, both of which are finite and skew the economics.

Those who think populations can feed themselves through local farming, the book argues, forget the fate of many self-sustaining communities (including some in this area about 150 years ago): starvation.

Not surprisingly, *The Locovore's Dilemma* has met with a lot criticism. But frankly, I'm not sure either the book or the objections to it are even relevant.

Because, at the risk of subjecting myself to a volley of locally-grown tomatoes, the local food movement is not really about health, emissions or sustainability. These are worthy objectives, to be sure, but what it's really about is taking back control. It's about knowing how our food was grown and what's in it, restoring a connection with growers — a human connection — that has been severed by industrialization. It's about reintroducing variety and flavours made almost extinct because uniformity is more efficient, rediscovering the joy of eating and food. It's about taking back ownership of seed and animal stock from patent-owners for the benefit of the community. It's all very consistent with the Highlands spirit of self-sufficiency.

Even so, there's no doubt that our modern food production and distribution system delivers unprecedented variety, quality and low cost to consumers; the percentage of income families spend on food has dropped from 19 per cent in 1969 to just over 10 per cent today. All of us now have the world in our supermarkets — most people would see this as tremendous progress, an achievement of modernity.

I will leave it to others to argue if local food really is more healthy, environmentally friendly and sustainable. However as a cultural phenomenon, aside from its important role in creating economic activity, the local food movement is bringing us together as a community and making us more aware of our impact on the planet and on each other. Just as our artists enlighten us by continually interpreting and reinterpreting our natural environment, so does local food bring us closer in touch with our surroundings, and with life itself.

Bon appetit.



By Bram Lebo

Correction

On page 13 of the July 5 edition of *The Highlander*, an article titled "A tough act to follow" incorrectly identified performer Brenda Webb as Brenda Webber.

The Highlander regrets the error.

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Fire ban in effect across county

Effective July 9 at 1:50 p.m., Haliburton County issued a complete fire ban due to extreme dry conditions. The fire ban is expected to stay in place until the county receives a considerable rainfall. For more information, residents are asked to contact their local fire departments or the township office.

Letters to the Editor

Photo of the week



Photo by Luke MacBride

A beautiful sunset on Kennisis Lake.

Submit your photo of the week to matthew@haliburtonhighlander.ca

Renewable energy: getting it right

Dear Editor,

On-Grid Feed in Tariff Solar and Wind renewable energy systems attract people, businesses, and institutions alike, however recently there are many misconceptions and big exaggerations being bantered about.

The FIT program is still active and accepting applications, however a review of the rates and rules of the program was announced in October of 2011. The purpose was to track the progress of FIT since it was introduced in 2009 and to recommend improvements. Applications submitted after August 31, 2011 would only be processed once the new rules and rates were released. To date, the new rates have been released but the updates to the rules are still being developed.

The Green Energy Act removed many powers from municipalities as it related to location, number, and size of FIT projects. The new rules will be addressing this shortcoming and will likely lead to a preference for projects that have municipal support. For this reason the municipalities are being approached by companies interested in securing their position as a favoured solar developer. In some cases municipalities are

pressure sold to get things in order as soon as possible because there will only be a small window to get approval. This is just not true. Prices too are being exaggerated and the benefit to municipalities is being minimized. There are no rules issued as yet to follow. Municipalities should be looking for a gifted equity position in the FIT and not a stipend which is what appears to be being offered.

Municipalities have a procurement policy to follow. Requests for proposals will need to be issued and all interested parties should be pre-qualified on the strength of each individual company. Municipalities should be looking for the best revenue opportunity from the most qualified firm. Asking the municipalities to look for sites for a solar developer and developing your municipal energy possibilities with that same developer does not put the best solutions forward for any municipality residents.

Energy security is important for us all. Let's do it right.

Brian Nash
Haliburton

VDO thanks SIRCH

Dear Editor,

The board of directors of the Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County (VDO) would like to take this opportunity to thank SIRCH Community Services for helping us turn a dream into a reality.

Without the support and expertise provided to us by the staff and board of directors at SIRCH, everything that happened between the "idea stage" (November 2010) and the opening of the clinic (May 2011) would not have been possible. Bill Kerr and Lisa Stoughton had the vision for the clinic – but the assistance from an organization that has implemented over 20 programs in Haliburton County proved to be invaluable.

SIRCH acted as our incubator, which meant that we could get the program started right away. With SIRCH on board, the VDO was able to quickly recruit volunteers, renovate a space at 739 Mountain St. and install dental equipment. SIRCH took care of signing lease agreements, accepting charitable donations and paying the bills on our behalf.

And because they knew they were donating to a highly respected and established community services organization, other players such as Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR), Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Social Services, Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) and the Haliburton Rotary came to our aid.

Going ahead and incorporating our own not-for-profit organization and applying for charitable status back in November 2010 would not only have delayed the process, but at that point we were only speculating as to whether this concept would work. SIRCH's board and staff not only helped us move along swiftly, but they were there every step of the way as we experienced our own growing pains.

Again, thank you for enabling us to meet our mandate of providing free urgent dental care to Haliburton County residents in need. There aren't enough words to describe the impact of your organization's contributions.

Sincerely,

Janis Parker
Board member
Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County

The Outsider — The artist, the hunter and the truck pull

Whoa! I borrowed a friend's pick-up truck the other weekend, a huge black one that I needed a step ladder to climb into and which, when fired up, sounded like an exceptionally angry dragon. Boy was it fun to drive. I motored around at great speed, looking quite literally down my nose at drivers of lesser, sorry, smaller, vehicles. I growled slowly through town. I roared along the outlying roads. But I'm speaking to the converted aren't I because you folks all drive these monster machines day-in day-out don't you...

Damn it! I'm doing it again, falling into the most lethal of writer's trap, that of making sweeping statements, lumping everyone into the same boat for ease of witticism, for quick, cheap journalistic gain. I'm stereotyping my fellow Haliburtonians and I really shouldn't because the population of the county that we live in could be no more diverse.

While there may not be quite as many different skin tones on show in Haliburton County as there were in London, England, I have been privileged to meet many more different and interesting characters here than I did while living in one of the world's biggest, busiest cities.

I have met incredibly talented artists, some even nationally acclaimed. I've been wowed by musicians and thespians of the highest order, only to find that they live just down the road from me. I now know a fellow that hunts bears and another who hates the thought of doing just that, and I can call them both my friends. I'm buddies with a geologist, a farmer and

a blacksmith; a philanthropist and a guy on welfare. I bump into a biologist pal now and again, often while sampling the delights of some adrenalin sport in the company of a Mexican surfer and his eco-friendly wife. Oh, and I recently met and enjoyed an evening with a very hospitable redneck, too. I can call him that because he has a sticker proclaiming his redneckishness firmly attached to his truck. A truck even bigger and nastier than the one I borrowed from my friend, who is a contractor and chicken plucker of the highest order.

Thinking about it, quite a few of these folks, who I've become good friends with, drive trucks. Perhaps my sweeping statement was not so outlandish or disingenuous. Perhaps that's because there must always be some truth in a stereotype: because, like a thick, juicy rump steak, the sort that everyone in Haliburton loves to eat, (whoops, there I go again) stereotypes are more often than not comedic quips about a big fat slice of society.

No one likes to be pigeon-holed, compartmentalised or cast in an ill-fitting role but I have to admit that in my travels around Haliburton there have been sights and conversations that have led me to make such sweeping statements as 'all the chaps wear plaid shirts and baseball caps', or 'every second vehicle is a monster truck' but these generalisations are hopefully no more offensive and no less accurate than, 'Jees, I guess it might snow this winter'.

But I'm getting off track. That's what happens when I get

defensive and worry too much about the message pouring from my keyboard tapping fingers (you'll note I could have said 'brain' then but that would have been a blatant lie, as I never stop to think before I write!). Where was I? Oh yes, my friend's truck. Wow, what a blast. It was such fun, in fact, that when I zoomed past a sign advertising a truck pull, I felt the immediate urge to go see.

Did I say, go see? I meant enter.

Now, my friend had said be careful with his truck and mentioned some 'son of a gun' who'd borrowed the truck before only to be caught using it to make a profit. 'Goddam fool took me for a charity and I put him straight in quick time, I'll tell ya', were his parting words.

And so, on returning my friend's truck, a little dented and pulling to the left, I told him I'd had a little mishap with a deer. He didn't seem too concerned, just called me a bunch of names before proclaiming, 'Jees man, you city folks never could drive!'

Now I'm offended, being typecast like that when I actually drove so expertly that I made \$100 in my borrowed truck winning the pull. Problem is, I can't tell him that now can I.



By Will Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: What do you think of the new Canadian Tire in Minden?



Janice Carr

Lochlin

They have been great for Minden and this area and it is good for employment. It has helped to increase business for everyone. People come here to shop at Canadian Tire and they are bound to go to other stores and restaurants.

Lindsay Jowett

Minden

I did not feel that there was any need for a Canadian Tire and I have not noticed any effect on our economy, good or bad, with the addition.



Pam Swinson

Kinmount

It is ok. It could have been a little bigger. Mark's is a little expensive and they do not have any big sizes, but it is good in it gives people jobs and I think the downtown stores are all still busy.

Mark McMillan

Minden

Well I guess it is going to hurt some of the people in the area. I do believe that the town is going to grow and we cannot stop it. But it does bring jobs and that is a good thing.



Sandy Bell

Minden

I believe more people are coming here to shop at Canadian Tire and do not think that it has hurt other stores. The people seem to be downtown more since they arrived so it is good.

Letters to the Editor

Re: The closure of the spring hunt Re: TSW Study Funding Denied

Dear Editor,

In response to the gentleman from Highlands East, I would like to applaud his passionate, if ill-informed, letter. Thanks for showing us how few people really understand what happened.

The spring hunt was not closed to protect cubs. It was a political decision made to ensure the Provincial Conservatives were victorious in the spring election. A radical group of anti-hunters launched a vicious anti-hunting campaign late in 1998 that threatened what appeared to be a guaranteed conservative victory. They demanded the immediate closure of the spring bear hunt to terminate their campaign. The conservatives made a terrible biological decision that haunts us 13 years later, as evidenced by this debate.

Further confirmation that the closure had nothing to do with the orphaning of cubs is the fact that a law had been implemented in 1987 making it illegal to shoot a mother bear with cubs in the spring. In the 12 years between that law and the closure of the spring hunt there was only one charge laid. Not compelling evidence that there was some supposed slaughter of mother bears.

As for bear meat, I might reluctantly part with a roast if Mr. Blundell wants to try some. I usually have anywhere from five to 15 hunters join me during the fall bear hunt. The vast majority are more interested in the meat than the hide. In truth bear meat is a delicacy and enjoyed by many who would choose it over the finest cut of beef.

But let's talk about these nuisance bears for a minute. Prior to the closure of the spring hunt, Minden District had an average of 45 nuisance bear calls per year, with a high of 78. In the summer of 1999, the first summer without a spring

bear hunt, it jumped to over 150 calls. The following year by June there were over 200 and the summer was just getting under way. Since then we have had summers where nuisance bear activity has swelled to 300 and 400 calls.

Do you really think that farmers and the many locals who have guns and know how to shoot them are calling the MNR and reporting bears hanging about their property? They follow the time-honoured tradition of taking care of their own problems. Hundreds of bears are being killed and buried, and no, these are not hunters. These are landowners protecting their property or families from a perceived threat. No one blames them one bit.

The sad thing is we used to have thousands of hunters pouring into the small communities in central and northern Ontario, excited and happy to be here on a bear hunt. Millions of dollars (approximately \$30 million) were funneled into these communities in the early spring when the local economies needed a boost. The real tragedy is that these bears, which were legally harvested with pride, are now shot down like stray dogs and left to rot. The real nuisances here are politicians who make decisions without accountability and the ill-informed who jump on their bandwagon without really knowing the entire story.

What we need is a Ministry that is allowed to administrate our natural resources without political interference so that all decisions can be based on biology.

And if you want to be ashamed of something, be ashamed of the political maneuvering that forced the closure of the spring bear hunt and the travesty that has ensued.

Doug Macnab
Minden Hills

Dear Editor,

The July 5 Highlander reported that Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey had declined a request from the City of Kawartha Lakes to help fund a new economic impact study of the Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW) in light of proposed budget cuts to the TSW by the federal government.

I congratulate Mr. Fearrey for this. What we need is action – not more studies. In preparing its 2008 Report, "It's All About the Water", the federally-appointed Panel on the Future of the TSW commissioned a study of the "Sustainable Economic Contributions (of the TSW) to Communities Along the Waterway." The study was published in 2007 and is readily available. So why waste our tax dollars on another study when we are still awaiting substantive action on the key recommendations contained in the Panel's 2008 report and its related studies.

What we in Haliburton should be concerned about is the lack of a truly integrated approach to water management of the Trent

watershed by Parks Canada through the TSW. The current water management model is outdated and a new approach is required that seeks to balance the interests of all stakeholders.

Federal officials claim that their budget cuts will only affect TSW's 'canal operations' and that water management, including the management of water levels in the Haliburton reservoir lakes will be unaffected.

This remains to be seen. If canal operations for the TSW and the Rideau canal are indeed consolidated and the Peterborough office of Parks Canada closed, it is possible that water management decisions will take even less account of the concerns of those of us on the Haliburton reservoir lakes when what we really need is an improved water management regime and urgent capital funding of the decaying TSW dams.

Chris Riddle
Co-chair of the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow
Kennis Lake

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Highlander news

Gallery victim of break-in



Photo by Mark Arike

Broken glass lies on the ground outside of the entrance of Ethel Curry Gallery.

Glass door smashed, art left undisturbed

By Mark Arike

Wayne Hooks, owner of Ethel Curry Gallery in Haliburton, thought the worst when he found out his business had been broken into.

"I was just about to get into the shower and the owner of Outdoors Plus called and said, 'Wayne, I'm going to ruin your day,' said Hooks, who received the call on the morning of July 7. "Then he told me."

The glass in the front door to Hooks's gallery, which is located at 94 Maple Ave., was completely smashed in. Blood was found on pieces of the glass and a trail of droplets was left inside.

"The police were already here when I got here," said Hooks, adding that he arrived on scene around 8:20 a.m. "I think it was first noticed around 8 [a.m.]."

"I was imagining the worst, but hoping for the best," he said.

Hooks was not able to enter the building until the OPP removed the broken glass. Blood samples were also taken from the scene.

"Basically, we didn't want to disturb the crime scene.

There was a lot of blood on the broken glass and a little bit inside.

Hooks said he waited for nearly two hours before he could enter the gallery.

"I've walked around and I've yet to discover anything."

Hooks said the officer on scene described what he thought to be the most likely scenario.

"The officer figured they broke in, were looking for a cash register... and when they didn't see one they just left."

In all the 17 years that he has owned the gallery, Hooks has never been the victim of a break-in. He is grateful that none of the art – a lot of which is created by local artists – was damaged or stolen.

"We know where everything is," he said. "If it's not visible, it's missing."

The gallery has a security system and Hooks is confident it went off at some point during the break-in.

A piece of plywood was placed on the broken door and it was business as usual. Hooks said the door will soon be repaired with tempered glass.

Sandy Adams, OPP media relations officer for the Haliburton Highlands detachment, could not confirm if the incident is linked to the recent string of

break-ins.

"We did have our scene of crime officers there gathering evidence. Sometimes it takes a while for these things to unfold."

I was imagining the worst, but hoping for the best

Wayne Hooks
Owner

Community rallies to support family



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Brian Williams stands among the rubble of his cottage after it was destroyed in a fire on July 6.

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Brian had the presence of mind, knowing his family was ok, to water the surrounding grass and trees to keep the fire from spreading to neighbouring cottages.

The family's dog Marty, a bichon-shi tzu-schnouzer, was lost in the fire.

"It's just like a nightmare," Dianne said. "You think you're going to wake up and everything's going to be ok, but it's not. To lose our little puppy dog was just heart-wrenching."

"[Marty] was such a good little guy."

The firefighters on the scene dug a grave and buried the dog. Dianne said they were wonderful.

The family lost all their clothes and food in the blaze. The kids were only wearing bathing suits, having just come from the lake. Dianne and a neighbour went into town to get some food and clothing. When the people

at Todd's Independent heard their story, they immediately wanted to help out.

"[Todd's] Independent was excellent," she said through tears. "They gave us everything. They gave us all the kid's clothes, and gave us \$50 in gift certificates and told us to come back [Saturday] to get groceries."

Afterwards, Dianne went to Shopper's Drug Mart in Haliburton who donated another \$100 in gift certificates at Todd's Independent, while the Bargain Store also provided a discount.

"I can't say enough about the Independent and Shopper's doing that," she said. "People just reached out."

"It was incredible."

Brian said he was amazed at how fast the 550 sq.-ft. cottage burned down. Despite that, however, none of the family members were seriously injured.

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Highlander news

Land Trust employee happy to be home

By Mark Arike

It's taken nearly two years, but Kim Robichaud can now call herself a full-time resident of the Highlands.

"The time was perfect," said Robichaud, who was recently hired as the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's new administrative assistant.

Robichaud and her husband did in fact relocate to Minden in October of 2010, but she kept her job in North Bay where she worked as a planner for the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).

"I was only a weekender [in the Highlands] and I was exhausted doing that," she said. "It was time for me to join my husband and be in my new community."

She left that job in May and joined the Land Trust on June 12, just days before the annual Wild About Nature Gala.

"It was really busy, but exciting," she said, recalling the work that went into the event before and after.

Robichaud brings administrative experience to her position, but her background extends well beyond that. She has a forestry technician diploma from Fleming College and a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental and resource sciences from Trent University. She has worked in different parts of Ontario in forestry, environmental stewardship, land use planning and visitor services.

"What drew me to this position and working for the Land Trust was the opportunity to do something different while being able to

continue working toward environmental conservation, education and land stewardship," she said.

Over the course of her nine-month contract, Robichaud will be responsible for office and administrative duties. She will also assist the organization with various aspects of communication.

"That will include the development of newsletters, preparing promotional materials, social media and website updates, media releases..." she said.

Robichaud's position has been made possible through funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Thanks to additional funding, she will be able to work on special projects such as Nature in the Hood: Discovery Days and the next phase of the Reflections video series.

Robichaud can often be found in the Land Trust's office where she works closely with Land Trust coordinator Rachel Gillooly.

"We couldn't have asked for a better fit," said Gillooly in an e-mail. "With Kim's experience working with volunteers and with Le Chantier Outdoor Education Centre coordinating youth interpretive programs for area schools, the MNR, Ontario Parks and Catfish Creek Conservation Authority, she brings a great skill-set to the Land Trust."

Robichaud is excited about her future with the Land Trust and working to help protect the natural heritage.

"I feel like you're making a difference locally," she said. "It's an on-the-ground, happening organization."



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Kim Robichaud in the office of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust.

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Highlander news

Technology upgrade for Canoe FM

By Mark Arike

They knew they needed to upgrade their equipment a few years ago.

Money was keeping them from doing it sooner.

But now that they've raised just over \$16,000 in this year's Radiothon, Canoe FM 100.9 can invest approximately \$30,000 into three audio playout systems for a smoother operation.

"We've been working on saving the money for this for the past number of years," said Roxanne Casey, station manager.

The Digital Audio Delivery (DAD) v12.0 system, which will soon be on its way, is used at radio facilities all over the world, according to the manufacturer's website.

"From fully manual, to live assist, to fully automated and everything in between, these stations use DAD to create their sound for their market in their way."

The new technology will replace what the station has been using since it started nine years ago.

"It will help students and the like when they're coming from their studies at broadcast college," said Paul Cameron, station president. "They won't be dealing with our old, antiquated OTS DJ system. They will be dealing with systems they're familiar with through their training."

It will also help ease the burden on station staff and volunteers.

"The system we have right now doesn't allow us to put in commercials any time," said Casey. "You have to physically have somebody here [at the station] to put commercials in."

"It's a very tedious, onerous task," added Cameron.

To date, this pertinent information has been recorded in what volunteers call logs. These log books contain charts that list all of the commercials, promos and on-air hosts by date and time.

"If you don't follow that, your commercials don't run, you're not giving the customers [advertisers] what they want," said Casey. "The logs are really, really important."

Once the new technology is installed this method of record-keeping will be nonexistent.

"What will happen is that everything can be done on the computerized system," said Casey. "So if you have a year's worth of commercials, we can actually program those in now."

The DAD system will be installed in all three of the station's broadcast studios for the benefit of those who pre-record programs and go live on the air.

"We're giving them some training on technology they never ever thought they'd be using," said Casey.



Photo by Mark Arike

Paul Cameron, Canoe FM president and volunteer, live on the airwaves during the station's recent Radiothon.

Another big improvement will be the audio quality that the station is able to broadcast.

"The station will have a better sound," said Ron Murphy, production technician. "Everything is going to be broadcast in Waveform Audio File Format (WAV) now instead of mp3. All the music will be CD-quality sound instead of being compressed."

The company Canoe is purchasing the equipment and software from – Pippin Technical Services – will be venturing to Haliburton from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan to

train the staff so they can pass that knowledge on to volunteers.

"It's like when you buy something at Canadian Tire," said Cameron. "Some assembly is required."

The technology should be completely implemented come October.

"It's exciting, but we're also a little bit nervous," said Casey. "It's a big change for Canoe FM."

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Highlander arts

Getting it out there: Gary Blundell

Local artist exhibits extensively outside the Highlands

By George Farrell

The Arts Council, in cooperation with Fay and Associates, are currently conducting a local survey. They are contacting artists to glean information that will allow them to put a dollar figure to money that artists earn, spend and donate, in time or in products. In all probability the survey will find that local artists spend a great deal more money and donate a great deal more of their works and time in comparison to what they bring in by way of sales.

Despite all the emphasis on culture in the Highlands, art itself is a very tough sell. Yes we have our fair share of public and private galleries, studio tours and art fests, but for every piece of art that sells there are hundreds that don't, and the number of our artists who make a living from their talent is relatively small. To be successful, an artist also has to be good at self promotion. Not many artists are.

Some of our artists are talented retirees who honed their skills at the School of the Arts; and for many of them the occasional local exhibition suffices. Others simply don't have the time or skills to market their work.

Gary Blundell does have the time and skill, and he has determination. Blundell moved up to the Highlands 12 years ago from Toronto with his partner, fellow artist Victoria Ward.

"I needed studio space to spread out," said Blundell of his and Ward's move away from loft-living in the big city. He exhibits a lot around Ontario, and he found the Highlands an ideal central location.

Blundell, 53, has loved painting since he was a child, but his passion was put on hold while he sought higher education which eventually led to a career geological engineering. In 1994 he set himself up as a consultant. This gave him the time to finally become a full time artist, and his understanding of geology became the

inspiration for a lot of his work.

"I got used to looking at the ground and the earth surface from photos taken from the air," Blundell revealed. "I became aware of the aesthetics of land formations and was enamored with the patterns of humanity on the ground and how some of those patterns were taken over by nature. So I guess I'm used to looking at earth in a different way; the collision of human and natural patterning."

"I use wooden surfaces, and I router the wood to rough up the texture," he said. "Then I work with oils on that surface. I begin with an image of the earth's surface and then the piece takes on a life of its own, but I don't have a pre-determined scale or size in mind."

Some of his works are large, measuring up to five feet by three feet. Blundell also produces smaller pieces, some of which are inspired by his time spent down mines in such places as Sudbury and Cobalt Ontario. Those works led to his thinking of a visit to the mining districts in his native England. He immigrated with his parents when he was young.

"I knew I wanted to go back to England," he said. "I have ideas, so I phoned mining committees in Wakefield, Yorkshire."

Those phone calls led to Blundell and Ward spending part of last year organizing a joint exhibition of their works, which will take place in Wakefield and other parts of England, two years from now.

"We work and travel as a team or singly," he said.

Work and travel are two key components to getting work seen by a larger audience, and Blundell does a great deal of work researching before he starts a piece.

"I collect info like sketches, photographs and the social history of the area and compile a package of information," he said.

As for travelling, Blundell has just wrapped up a show at the Visual Arts Centre in Bowmanville and he has upcoming exhibitions at the Pentimento Gallery in Toronto, Haileybury, and possibly Sudbury, Ontario. He is also exhibiting locally at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton this August and September.



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Highlander arts

Ravens land in Sculpture Forest

BC artist straps sculpture on car roof for the journey

By Mark Arike

John McKinnon's metal ravens have touched down in the Haliburton Sculpture Forest.

The Nelson, BC artist's latest work titled "A Conspiracy of Ravens" was celebrated during a grand unveiling ceremony on July 9. The installation is the 22nd sculpture that has found its way to the forest since 2002.

"When they said there were 60 proposals for this job and you've got it, I felt an awful lot of pressure," McKinnon told the many in attendance. "Any opportunity to be able to come back to Haliburton is a great honour in itself."

McKinnon is an artist who has spent most of the past 40 years working in stone, bronze, steel, clay, concrete and mixed media. He first came to the Highlands around 1988 and eventually taught many courses in sculpture at the Haliburton School of the Arts – which shares the park with the Sculpture Forest.

He transported the flock of nine metal ravens on top of his car from BC – a trip that lasted five days. His friend Bill accompanied him for the adventure.

The commission for the newest sculpture was made possible by a donation from Noreen Blake, who was inspired to do so because of donors such as Janis Parker and Diana Ferguson.

"Noreen was inspired by that and suggested [to her husband] Bob that she would like to do this," said Jim Blake, curator of the Sculpture Forest and Noreen's son.

According to a press release, Noreen and Bob have been spending their summers in the Highlands for over 60 years. Although she does not consider herself an artist, Noreen has been heavily involved in the arts scene. For a number of years she served as a tour guide for the Sculpture Forest.

When Noreen decided to do this, she proposed a competition with the theme "Avian Fauna" (birds of the region). Fifty artists from five provinces and two states



Photo by Mark Arike

Visitors get a close look at the nine metal ravens after the grand unveiling.

entered 60 proposals. A jury narrowed that number down to seven and Noreen made the final decision.

Noreen, who is now in a wheelchair, stayed in the college during the ceremony. However, she was one of the lucky ones to see it right after it had been installed on Sunday.

"Yesterday, I had quite a humbling experience," said McKinnon.

"Her [Noreen] and Bob were the first people to see it who weren't actually working on the piece. It was just kind of serendipity."

Barb Bolin, chair of the Sculpture Forest, thanked Noreen for her passion toward the forest and the Haliburton community.

"Without her generosity, we wouldn't have this sculpture,"

said Bolin. "Noreen is an amazing woman."

Bolin added that the Sculpture Forest has become nationally recognized over the years.

"It's nice to know that in our town, we have something that's nationally recognized," she said. "Any time you come here you'll see people enjoying the forest."

Sandra Dupret, principal of Fleming College's Haliburton campus, was equally as thrilled about the recent contributions made by Noreen and McKinnon.

"The generosity of donors such as Noreen has a big impact on the community and for us at the college," said Dupret.

"I'd like to thank John for getting the work here, and creating such a wonderful piece that will stay here in perpetuity and we'll all be able to enjoy."



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Highlander arts

MadeinHaliburton.ca launches physical gallery

By George Farrell

MadeinHaliburton.ca has opened a new gallery in Minden. A real gallery. The original MadeinHaliburton.ca gallery is a virtual online gallery and is the brainchild of Don and Marie Gage. It was officially launched in April of this year as an online store to promote the arts in Haliburton County. The website was created in partnership with the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands through a grant from the Cultural Strategic Investment Fund. The website features the works of 42 local artists in the visual and literary fields.

The MadeinHaliburton.ca site also sells tickets to local performing arts events such as the Forest Festival and the Haliburton Concert Series.

Even though the same works displayed in the real gallery can also be found on the website, the real gallery is different in that you can experience the art as was intended by the artists. You can pick up some of the pottery and jewelry pieces and get an idea as to the true colour, texture and size.

"The idea for the opening of the gallery for the summer came from a communication with Barbara Reid, reeve of Minden Hills," said Marie Gage, MadeinHaliburton.ca co-owner. "She indicated that it would be a way to help people who are familiar with the Haliburton Highlands become familiar with the website and comfortable with using it

when they needed a gift or something special for themselves. She even identified the ideal location for the gallery. Shawn Chamberlin, owner of the Grill on the Gull and Dominion Hotel, was very supportive and agreed to a short-term rental."

In the same release Chamberlin stated that "a downtown Minden presence for MadeinHaliburton.ca is sure to provide another reason for people to come downtown and to leave with a piece of the county."

"It's become obvious that typically people need to be comfortable with the brand before they shop online," said Gage. "The reason for the store is to get the brand name known to people who are visiting the county."

The new sign for the gallery arrived just in time to be installed for the big Canada Day celebration in Minden. Due to time restraints, there was a soft opening of the gallery on Friday June 6.

"Before the store even opened we had three items sold," Gage stated. "At this point this is just a summer venture, but who knows what the future will bring."

The works of 28 artists are currently being exhibited and artists are taking turns manning the gallery. There will be opportunities for the public to meet the artists, some of whom will be demonstrating the making of their wares. The MadeinHaliburton.ca gallery is located at 118 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden.



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Marie Gage outside the MadeinHaliburton.ca gallery in Minden.

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Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.

HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. *Fifty Shades of Grey* by E.L. James
2. *Stray Bullets* by Robert Rotenberg 🇨🇦
3. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
4. *Calico Joe* by John Grisham
5. *Forgotten* by Catherine McKenzie 🇨🇦

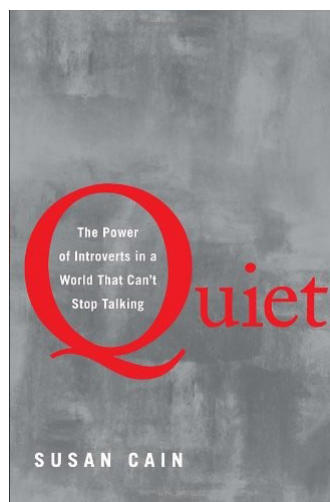
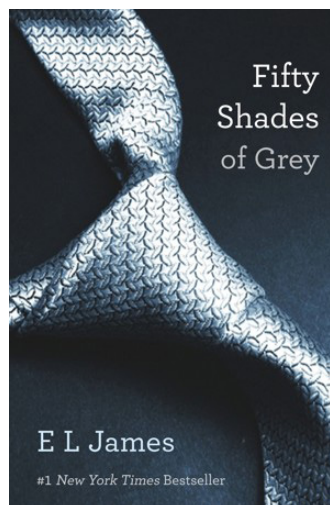
HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain
2. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton 🇨🇦
3. *Thinking, Fast and Slow* by David Kahneman
4. *Mad Woman* by Jane Maas
5. *A Matter of Principle* by Conrad Black 🇨🇦

Fifty Shades of Grey by E.L. James has soared in popularity all over the world, including at the Haliburton County Public Library. If you are interested in some *50 Shades of Grey* "read-alikes" then consider the following: *Bared To You* by Sylvia Day, *Gabriel's Inferno* by Sylvain Raynard, *Too Much Temptation* by Lori Foster and *Sweet Addiction* by Maya Banks. These are all books that share many of the themes recently made popular by E.L. James. Some are even said to be better written versions of *50 Shades*. Romantic News calls *Bared To You* an "erotic romance that should not be missed" and *Gabriel's Inferno* was voted in as a semi-finalist for Best Romance in the 2011 Goodreads Choice Awards. If you enjoy erotic romances like *50 Shades*, then by all accounts these ones are worth trying.

Library News

Haliburton County Public Library introduces the Summer Fun program starting July 3. There will be stories, crafts, games, songs and fun for children aged two and over. This program runs free throughout the summer at Minden Hills branch (Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.), Dysart branch (Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m.), Stanhope branch (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.), Dorset branch (Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.) and Wilberforce (Tuesdays at 7 p.m.).



Country legend on Gull River



Photo by Mark Arike

Country music legend Johnny Burke performs in Minden during the Music On the Gull series.

By Mark Arike

As the sun began to set on July 6, residents and visitors alike found their way to Minden's Gull River for a taste of country music delivered by local country star Johnny Burke. The free evening show was the second concert in this summer's 16th annual Music By the Gull series, organized by The Highlands Wind Symphony.

Burke, who will soon be inducted into the

Canadian Country Music Association's hall of fame, performed for an audience on Water St. near the bridge.

Dan Manley, member of The Highlands Wind Symphony, said the Minden Lions Club generously supports the program with a financial contribution that amounts to one third of their total operating budget.

The next concert in the series takes place on July 13 at 7 p.m. and features the sounds of Bucket of Shrimp Ears.

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Highlander food

Food Crusade battles on despite loss of vehicle

By Matthew Desrosiers

The loss of a community delivery van has local food charities scrambling to find alternative means to transport their precious cargo.

John Teljeur, regional association manager (Ontario) with Delta Hotels and member of the Food Crusade, said for the past several seasons they have relied on this van to get materials to and from local community gardens. The vehicle is scheduled to be removed from service on the third week of July.

"It's serviceable, but that's really being kind," he said. "It's come to a point where it needs to be taken off the road, and there's nothing there to replace it at this point."

Rosie Kadwell, chairperson for FoodNet, a networking group of 15 different organizations and food programs, said the loss of the van will have a big impact on Haliburton County FoodNet members and the over 500 households they assist each month.

"We depend on the van to help deliver food and supplies to support our FoodNet member programs, such as gardening, literacy, cooking classes and school food programs," said Kadwell. "We're losing a key part of our ability to deliver these programs."

Teljeur said his personal gardens have never been so full and other volunteers have been ramping up their efforts at community gardens as well to meet the fresh-food needs of the county.

"It's pretty depressing," he said. "We've put a lot of time and work into figuring out how we can distribute everything. We came up with a system last year to make sure we didn't push too much stuff on one particular organization or drop off point, so we used the vehicle to balance the inventory across [Haliburton] County and Kawartha Lakes."

If one site had too much of a certain food, they would transport it to another area in

need. This ensured all drop off locations and organizations were well stocked, he said.

"We're [now] faced with the dilemma of how we're to get this stuff to the people that need it."

Since the volunteers have ramped up production to meet the growing demand for fresh produce, waste has become another concern.

"Potentially, we could have stuff ready to go and no way of getting it there," said Teljeur. "We're going to do our best, but there's just so much we can do. Mother Nature isn't going to wait for us to get a vehicle. When stuff is ready to go out, it needs to go out."

If food is past its prime or too mature, Teljeur said they will not deliver it.

"We've done our best to do organic vegetables to give people the healthiest of healthy produce," he said. "To do anything else but deliver peak produce does a disservice to the program."

Despite grocery stores being full of quality Ontario produce, it's simply outside the price range of the working poor, he said. Those families should have the right to healthy food options as well.

"It's a basic thing people should have. Our solution isn't perfect, but it's the only thing we have."

Teljeur said a few companies have offered to help, but they would like another four or five to volunteer their time, and possibly vehicles, to replace the loss of the van.

"In a perfect world, there would be somebody hired to do this," he said. "The volunteers are stepping up to get this done and fill the gap, but now the very means of doing these things is no longer available to us."

For more information about the Food Crusade, or to volunteer to assist with producing or delivering food, please contact John Teljeur at 705-286-6573 or via e-mail at jtjeljeur@deltahotels.com.



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Highlander outdoors

Residents heed the call of the wild



By Mark Arike

There are a number of reasons why wild creatures could end up at the Muskoka Wildlife Centre.

Whether they're injured, orphaned, kept as pets or just don't have the ability to survive in the wild on their own, there's a good chance they'll end up at the interactive learning park.

Laura Gallagher-Briden and Katrina Hunt, both employees of the centre, brought five of these creatures to R.D. Lawrence Place on July 5 for an interactive presentation. Over 100 people attended.

Native species to Ontario at the event included a great-horned owl, eastern rat snake, porcupine, possum and turkey vulture.

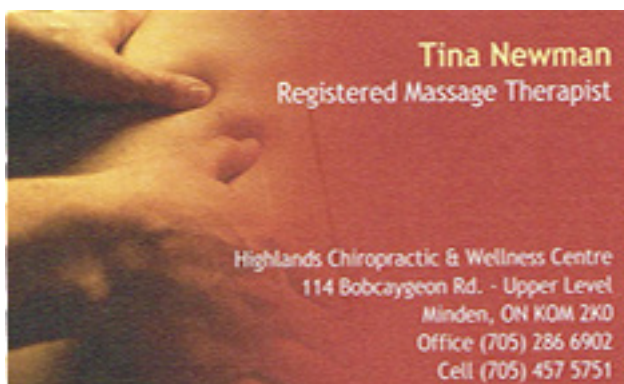
The Muskoka Wildlife Centre will be back in the Highlands on July 21 for the 10th annual Stanhope Heritage Day.



Photos by Mark Arike

Above: Katrina Hunt gets up close and personal with Quilber the porcupine. Upper right: Victoria Cina, 12, pets an eastern rat snake held by wildlife educator Laura Gallagher. Right: This turkey vulture put on a flight demo for the over 100 children and parents in attendance.

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Chargin' the wake in Haliburton



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Wakeboarding demonstration at Haliburton RPM.

By Lisa Harrison

Haliburton will host two exciting water sports competitions on July 14 and 21. They'll be great entertainment for everyone, as well as prime opportunities to gain experience or to study how it's done.

This Saturday at 8 a.m. the Ski-Mazing Water Sports/Haliburton RPM Open launches from the RPM marina on Grass Lake at 5122 County Road 21. Novice skiers can enter their first competition in the Future Champions event and more experienced skiers are also invited to participate. To register call RPM at 705-457-1473. Registration closes late Friday.

On July 21, the Roots Wakeboard and Wakeskate Boat Tour returns to Head Lake in the Sharpley's Source for Sports Open presented by MasterCraft. Registration is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon. Competitions run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

with awards at 12:30 p.m. (beginner and amateur wakeskate) and 5:30 p.m. (open and intermediate wakeboard and wakeskate). Visit <http://rootswakeboarding.com> for individual competition levels and times.

Water Ski Wakeboard Ontario (WSWO) sanctions these and other events and provides national instructor certification in water skiing, wakeboarding, wakeskating, barefoot skiing and adaptive skiing. WSWO also offers free sit-ski rentals for those with disabilities who want to try adaptive skiing.

WSWO certified 61 Level 1 instructors this year and supports the national Rip 'n Ride Program which encourages Canadians to learn and enjoy towed water sports.

According to WSWO, water sports popularity is growing swiftly in the province, helped no doubt by Cambridge, Ontario native Whitney McClintock. Following up on stellar 2011 performances, this year the 22-year-old water skier has already won three gold medals and a silver medal at the

Moomba Masters in Australia and tied the women's slalom world record. McClintock has been named Ontario Female Athlete of the Year by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and Sport Alliance Ontario.

Wakeboarding – think surfing/skateboarding with bindings and a tow rope – has become so popular that companies are now installing cable tow systems on lakes, making the sport more accessible and affordable. In the past year, provincial cable wakeboarding has grown from one to four systems.

While some cable systems allow movement in several directions, current Ontario sites use straight-line systems. Wakeboarders can do the same jumps, ramps, sliders – anything they would do behind a boat. The big differences: no boat rental fees and no boat fuel costs. Lessons are significantly less expensive.

Wakeskating is also taking off, particularly with those who love the freedom of not being strapped to a board. In place of bindings, a board similar to a wakeboard is covered with grip tape, much like a skateboard's, or with high-traction foam. Skateboarders often prefer this adaptation to the original wakeboard. Reviews vary as to which version of the sport is easier to learn.

For beginners interested in any water sport, WSWO recommends formal training, even if it's just a few lessons. Initial instruction helps beginners get up on their skis or wakeboards/wakeskates and learn to manoeuvre sooner. It also helps ensure a safe approach to these extreme sports.

You'll find information on provincial camps, clubs and schools with nationally certified instructors on the WSWO website at <http://www.wswoc.ca/>.

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Highlander outdoors

Venturers take on Haliburton terrain

Scouts from across Canada enter week-long challenge

By Mark Arike

Around 500 scouts from across the country tested their limits at the first-ever National Venture Scout Event held at the Haliburton Scout Reserve (HSR).

"We have groups from Newfoundland all the way to [British Columbia]," said Bruce Hunter, camp chair.

The one-week long event (June 30-July 7) was organized by Scouts Canada in response to feedback they received from youth across the country.

"When we did a program survey a couple of years ago, they asked that we have an event more extreme in adventure," said Hunter. "We created a program that would both challenge the youth mentally and physically."

Typical co-ed scout programs are geared toward youth between the ages of 11 and 13. This extreme challenge, however, was for the 14-17 year-olds, also known as venturers.

Hunter said the Haliburton Scout Reserve was the selected site because of its variety of programming and surrounding environment.

"It has the biking paths, the paths we can use for hiking and it surrounds the lakes," he said. "It incorporates all the elements we need to run the program."

According to their website, the HSR is one of the largest semi-wilderness Scouts Canada camps in Ontario with almost 5,000 acres of forest and lakes.

Participants came to the event in units consisting of five to eight members. Each unit

camped out at one of the 21 sites available where they had to cook their own food and coexist with other participants. According to the 2012 Adventure website, washrooms were primitive and personal hygiene required a dip in the lake.

"The motto for our adventure scouts section is challenge," said Hunter. "So the idea is to enable these youth to set goals and challenge themselves to go above and beyond what they normally do."

Since cell phone service is limited at the HSR, a Telus-sponsored cyber café was set up so that participants could let others know what they were up to.

"We've encouraged the youth to Tweet and use Facebook to get the word out about the adventure they are having here," he said.

Due to the recent heat wave, some of the participants had to withdraw from some of the activities, said Hunter.

"It's been an extremely hot week – and with some people coming from different parts of the country, they aren't used to that."

Will Seely, a 16-year-old participant from New Brunswick, summed up the week as "pretty crazy."

"There was some really hard stuff that we had to do, but it was also really fun," said Seely on the second-last day of the event.

He considered the overnight hike to be the most difficult challenge by far.

"We took the hard route, which two groups got lost on and there were a bunch of [cases of] dehydration. We got pretty dehydrated ourselves, but we made it."

Seely and his teammates did a lot of singing to get themselves through that night.

"It kind of keeps you going," he said.

When they first arrived, Seely said his team was under the impression that most other groups would be competing at a higher level



Photos by Mark Arike

Fifteen-year-old Courtney Hickmott said she would come back to Haliburton if given the opportunity.

than them. Their attitudes changed as soon as they spoke to other participants.

"We really felt like we fit in," he said. "It was nice to meet other people that were involved in Scouts Canada."

Scarborough resident Jumaid Siddiqui found out about the challenging event through his adventure president. Siddiqui came expecting a challenge with intense activities that would allow him to push his limits.

"It was all pretty tough, but I think the GPS challenge was the toughest because you had to hike straight through the bush," he said. "The terrain was killer."

Mountain biking was also an activity with "a lot of ups and downs."

Siddiqui said he made a lot of good friends during his stay.

"Everyone is nice, friendly, welcoming. It's a nice atmosphere."

Fifteen-year-old Courtney Hickmott of Essex said her fondest memory was flipping a canoe, numerous times. Although Hickmott took some of the challenges seriously, she made sure to enjoy herself at all times.

"The easy part was having fun and meeting new people," she said.

This was Hickmott's first visit to Haliburton – and she was thoroughly impressed with the experience.

"I would come back if I had the chance," she said.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

Doctors Laurie Brown, Nikolai Simkulak and Joan Grant, along with the entire staff at the Haliburton Veterinary Services, would like to warmly welcome Dr. Aimée Filion to our clinic.

Dr. Filion attended the University of Guelph, graduating with distinction from the Ontario Veterinary College. Aimée loves all creatures great and small, with a special interest in horses, livestock and Sphinx cats! She enjoys hiking, canoeing, snowshoeing, snowboarding and soccer, as well as quieter pursuits such as theater, reading, baking and gardening. She will find ALL of the above here in her new home in Haliburton!

Having grown up in the Ottawa area, Dr. Filion is accustomed to long cold winters, so Haliburton will provide the perfect environment for her! Aimée has spent many summers near Perth at her parents' cottage, so she has an appreciation for the importance of leaving the city behind and enjoying nature.

We hope that all of our friends and clients will join us in welcoming Dr. Aimée Filion to Haliburton County and to our veterinary practice.



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Left: Tehya Smith and Adelie Casarin of Rockwood, Ontario, receive T-shirts for wearing their lifejackets. Right: Marine patrol officer Sandy Adams puts the OPP flag on the boat.

Practice safe boating this summer

By Mark Arike

There weren't any high-speed chases, gunfights or beach babes directing me to the nearest island party.

A day out on the water with the local OPP is far from glamorous – but it proves to be a revealing ride when you accompany media relations officer Sandy Adams.

On June 29, I climbed aboard the local detachment's trusty 17-foot Harbercraft (the same make of boat Relic used in the Canadian TV series *The Beachcombers*) for a two-hour patrol with Adams and her summer student Emily Magee. The vessel comes labelled with OPP on its sides, an OPP flag and a number of bells and whistles.

Our journey began on Haliburton's Head Lake, where within just a few minutes we made our first stop. The first pleasure craft we came upon contained a local mom and her son, who were both enjoying their start to the long weekend by soaking up some of the summer sun.

In the routine stop, which lasted only a few minutes, Adams asked to see if the essentials were on board. These included two life jackets (it is the law to have a lifejacket for each person), a kit with a rope, whistle, flashlight and buoyant heaving line, a fire extinguisher, paddle and the driver's Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

During the friendly encounter – in which both boaters passed with flying colours – it was revealed that this was the second time they had been stopped by Adams. I learned that this was the seventh or eighth time that Adams and Magee had been out on the waterways of the Highlands this year. Last year, Adams didn't enter the waters until July 1. She attributed this year's start date to the early spring.

Within seconds of bidding adieu to those boaters, we spotted our next target. This vessel was carrying four shirtless lads who were fishing in the middle of Head Lake. Adams informed me we had to approach with caution, as fishermen could have thousands of feet of steel line in the lake, especially when trolling for lake trout.

It turned out they were fishing with nothing more than rods and bait – but for these cottagers, it would end up being an expensive day on the lake.

First, Adams discovered the men were short two lifejackets. "Somebody has to volunteer to take the ticket," she told the group of four. "It's zero tolerance when you don't have enough lifejackets aboard your vessel."

The fine that accompanies not having enough personal

flotation devices (PFD) or lifejackets is \$200 for the first missing jacket and \$100 for each additional missing jacket. Additional fees, such as administrative charges, also apply.

When finished handing out the tickets, Adams told the men they would have to go straight back to their dock to get the two missing lifejackets before returning to the water. She then continued her safety compliance check when she discovered an open beer can – which no one was willing to claim ownership of – in a tackle box.

One of the men agreed to take the \$125 ticket while the rest of his friends agreed to pitch in to help cover the cost.

"That's not like a criminal charge, is it?" asked the man.

"Nope, it's the Liquor License Act [of Ontario] charge," answered Adams.

Had the men been consuming alcohol while moving, the fine would have been much more severe.

There are only certain places in the province of Ontario where you can have open alcohol, said Adams. These include a licensed establishment, a private place and your own residence.

"Most people are getting that message now," she said. "Just because you're at the cottage doesn't mean the rules don't apply."

According to Transport Canada's *Safe Boating Guide*, Canada's Criminal Code applies to boating and makes activities like operating a boat while impaired, failing to stop at the scene of an accident and operating a boat that is not seaworthy, crimes.

After completing the necessary paperwork, Adams asked the four men, who were completely cooperative, what they learned from their costly experience.

"No booze on your boats and lots of lifejackets on your boat," she said, after the boaters couldn't come up with a suitable answer.

Adams told me that in days gone by, officers had to summon violators to court when they were missing necessary equipment, such as a lifejacket, on their vessel.

"Now we can write a provincial offences ticket, which is just

like getting a traffic ticket," she said. "They can choose to pay it or go to court [to fight it]."

In a chart of fines found in the Safe Boating Guide, the most costly offence is \$500 for operating a vessel in an unsafe manner.

After our nearly 20-minute long encounter with the jovial group of cottagers, we moved along to Grass Lake and Lake Kashagawigamog. As we came to a narrow channel between the two lakes, Adams gave me the lowdown on speeding on the water.

"There are boats that go through there [the channel] really quickly, which causes them to make a big wake and create

a lot of wash (waves that hit docks, boats and erode the shoreline)," she explained.

"We can't enforce speed on the lake, but you can enforce them in a channel where it's less than 30 metres across. The speed limit is nine kilometers per hour."

On the rest of our stops, we came across boaters that were in complete compliance with the law and regulations. And through the OPP's "I Got Caught Wearing My Lifejacket" program, we were

able to reward a few kids with free swag.

"Last summer we gave away over 100 T-shirts," said Adams.

The shirts, which say "I Got Caught Wearing My Lifejacket", are given to children under the age of 16 who are wearing their lifejacket while in a moving vessel.

All in all it was a good day out on our waters. From the few stops we made, it seems as though most boaters are cognizant of what's right and wrong.

"The majority of people we meet out here are doing the right thing," said Adams. "They have their equipment and are aware of boating safety."

So come to think of it, I'm glad we didn't end up in a scene out of *Miami Vice*. Dangerous actions on the water need to stay in the movies.

For all boating rules and tips, pick up a copy of the Safe Boating Guide or visit www.boatingsafety.gc.ca.



Photo by Mark Arike

Jake Bull shows all of the required equipment is on board during a routine safety check.

Highlander business



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

RPM owner Alan Gordon and operations manager Lee Bay demonstrate how to have fun in Arctic Cat's Wildcat 1000.

Haliburton RPM celebrates re-opening

By Matthew Desrosiers

It was a celebration of a new beginning for Haliburton RPM.

Owner Alan Gordon hosted a grand re-opening at his newly acquired marina on July 7, and boaters and land-lubbers alike stopped by to check out the slashed prices on everything from boats to ATVs.

Youth Unlimited, an after-school program for youth in the Haliburton area were also present raising funds with a barbecue.

Gordon acquired the marina in December 2011. He had big visions for the business from the get-go.

"What we're trying to do is really make this a destination," he said. "[We want it] to attract people from the community to do water [sports]."

The goal is for customers to feel comfortable coming to RPM for anything water-related. The marina offers rentals, and also a water ski/wakeboarding school.

"If your kid is under 20, they should feel like they're coming home if they want to do stuff on the water."

Gordon is also looking into other types of watercraft, including paddle boards and skull boats.

The marina has paired with Youth Unlimited to offer programs throughout the summer, Gordon said. The kids will have the opportunity to go out on the lake and water ski, wakeboard or tube.

"We want to give them different activities throughout the summer."

Haliburton RPM provides the usual services, including docking, lakeside gas, service and sales. However, because

Gordon owns a second marina in the county, he is able to offer a more diverse lineup of products. Often, manufacturers don't like to share a sales floor with competing lines, he said.

"What we're trying to do by having more than one marina is to give customers a choice in products," Gordon said. "They can get what they want, not what I want to sell them."

They have also expanded into ATVs and snowmobiles.

"We'd like to increase the number of full time jobs in the county, so that's why we bought ATVs and sleds, so we can get ourselves through the four seasons," he said. "[We want to] try to keep a year-round presence."

Gordon said he wants to help make Haliburton's community and economy stronger, and one of the ways to do that is to create jobs.

Caveat Emptor

Xplornet Communications Inc. announced the successful launch of EchoStar XVII, a Hughes 4G broadband satellite.

The satellite was launched from French Guiana on July 5 into a geosynchronous orbit 35,888 kilometers above sea-level; high enough to get a clear view of the vast Canadian territory it will be covering.

The next-generation satellite is capable of providing Internet access to Canadians in rural and remote areas with download speeds up to 25 megabytes per second (mbps). Together with Xplornet's national 4G terrestrial network and another recently launched 4G satellite, Xplornet will close Canada's urban/rural digital-divide for over two million of the 2.4 million Canadian households located in regions where wired broadband is unavailable.

Xplornet expects the satellite service to be available to Canadians in the fourth quarter of this year.

Now before you go throwing a satellite dish on your roof there are a few things you should know.

There are three packages to choose from, Lite (1.5 mbps), Standard (three mbps), and Max (five mbps). They cost \$49.99, \$64.99 and \$94.99 a month respectively. All three packages have a \$99 activation fee and lock you in a three-

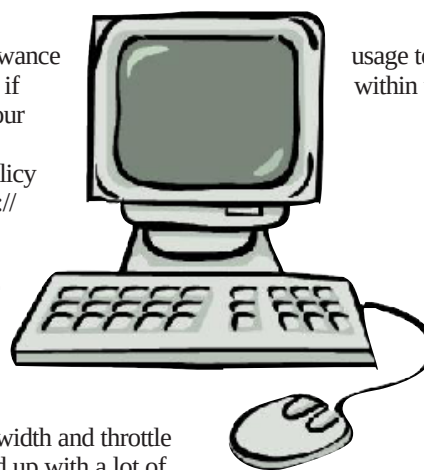
year contract. They also have a monthly allowance of 20GB, 30GB, and 40GB respectively and if you go over that they add extra charges to your bill based on how much you go over.

Also Xplornet has a traffic management policy on all their packages. You can view it at <http://www.xplornet.com/traffic-management/>

Basically what it is, if there is network congestion and you are one of the top 10 per cent using bandwidth then they "throttle" your internet speed back by 50 per cent for 15 minutes. If at the end of 15 minutes there is still congestion they calculate the top 10 per cent of users using the most bandwidth and throttle them back 50 per cent. It very well could end up with a lot of people not getting the speed they are paying for. How does this clear up the congestion when it takes people longer to finish what they were doing in the first place?

Also there is a 24 hour allowance where, if you exceed your plan's daily allotment, your service will be placed on recovery mode and your speed will be reduced for 12 hours. At the end of that period, the system will re-evaluate your

The Computer Guy



usage to see if you're within the allowance for the preceding 24 hours. If you are, then speed will no longer be restricted.

I think it's great that Xplornet is making high speed internet available to two million people in rural and remote areas across Canada, but something is wrong here. If you don't stay within their set limits then you get half or less than the network speed you're paying for. It's important to look through their

website and find out exactly what you're getting, or not getting, for your money. I guess if this is your only option for high-speed broadband internet and you really need it, take the good with the bad, or, in this case, the fast with the slow.

Questions or comments email me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca Happy Safe Computing!



By David Spaxman

Highlander business

Pharmasave renovations reflect new direction



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

From left, Vivien Loughran, Aimee Prentice and Dana Mann show off Pharmasave's new-and-improved cosmetics department.

By Matthew Desrosiers

After five months of work, renovations to the Minden Pharmasave are complete.

Co-owners Peter Meraw and Richard Smith, who bought the pharmacy in May 2006, have invested in an expansion to their pharmacy that allows them to evolve with the growing demands of the industry.

"[The renovations] started in our heads around November 2011, but they didn't really start work on it until early February," said Meraw. "We had more of a traditional, oblong-shaped store with the pharmacy in the back [that] made up 20 per cent of the floor space."

Meraw said they were just too busy and had run out of space.

"It was very congested," he said. "Our work flow efficiency had kind of plateaued."

The solution was to expand the store.

"We felt in order for us to grow... we would need to be bigger, physically."

The building next door was vacant, so the duo decided to take the plunge and expand into that space. The pharmacy jumped from 4,400 sq.-ft. to 6,200 sq.-ft., but the renovations were about more than just extra space.

"The pharmacy's role is changing," Meraw said. "It's less [about] counting, pouring, licking and sticking traditional kind of stuff, and more about counselling patients and providing advice."

"[We] act as a go-between between the patients and the doctor, if need be."

Smith said the pharmacy has a long history of providing those kinds of services, but the new rooms will help enhance them. They expanded the size of the dispensary, added a professional counselling room, a boardroom and patient education room, and a semi-private patient counselling room.

Meraw and Smith are both dedicated to improving Minden's downtown area. The

renovations have taken into consideration the needs of the town.

"We're opening up the back of the store with a big entrance so that people can take advantage of municipal parking," Smith said. "This opens up that parking lot and the town. It opens up a new front."

"We're very passionate about downtown Minden. [This] freshens up the face of downtown."

The renovations included an expansion to the cosmetics session.

Aimee Prentice, cosmetics manager, said her department is important to the town.

"We are the only location to get cosmetics in Minden," she said. "We carry everything."

With an expanded line of products, in-store cosmetician and a bigger floor area, customers no longer need to travel to Haliburton or out of the county to get those services.

Meraw said their cosmetic department is on par with anything you can find in big stores, which was part of their plan.

"We want to provide that so people don't have to [travel] to get those kinds of things," he said. "We're an independent ownership, but we want to be able to compete down the road. We feel [with] this type of investment, moving forward should a big store come into town, we will be able to provide the services that will allow us to be competitive."

During the renovations, Smith said there was some strain on his staff to keep up the high level of service that patients have come to expect from the Pharmasave, however they stepped up to the challenge.

"My staff have been awesome," he said. "These guys have worked hard since the beginning of February to get us where we are. It's not easy, they're tired, but they're the best."

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Kawartha Dairy celebrates 75 years

By George Farrell

Perhaps the most recognizable landmark in all of Haliburton County is the distinct black and white cow on the roof of the Kawartha Dairy on highway 35 at Minden. People have been flocking to the dairy for years, and 2012 marks the 75th anniversary of the company which remains 100 per cent Canadian and family-owned.

While the Minden location is the busiest and best-known outlet, the company has its roots and head office in Bobcaygeon. In 1937, Jack and Ila Crowe bought a small dairy in that town and named it Kawartha Dairy. It was a three-room building with a cold storage that was cooled with ice from local lakes. Jack learned his trade working for the Oshawa Dairy, but from the very beginning he and Ila had the idea of making their dairy a family-owned and operated company which specialized in dairy products made with milk from Ontario farms.

Local farms provided much of the unprocessed milk. After processing, the milk was delivered to homes and cottages by wagon and by boat. The business proved such a success that in 1942 Jack and Ila expanded and bought one of the other dairies operating in Bobcaygeon.

It was not until the mid 1950s that Jack went back to school to learn the craft of making ice cream. Ice cream quickly became a favourite of locals and tourists alike in the Bobcaygeon area. The business really took off in the early 1960s when the company expanded to Minden.

"Minden was the first expansion and it was chosen because it was the next significant centre going north," said Blake Frazer, Kawartha Dairy's vice-president and general manager who has been with the company for 13 years. "At the time I don't think the numbers of tourists and cottage people in the area was anticipated, but today we are one of the few

independents who are still making ice cream and processing milk, and we also make products for other companies."

Don Crow, one of Jack and Ila's sons, moved up to manage the Minden outlet when it opened, Frazer said. He is one of three owners.

"The precast concrete cow was Don's idea and he installed it on the Minden roof when the facility expanded, in the mid 1980s," Frazer said. "The roof had to be reinforced to accommodate the massive weight."

The cow in Minden proved so popular that the same types of cows were added to the Bobcaygeon and Bancroft facilities at later dates.

Kawartha Dairy ice cream was the first packaged ice cream in Canada to display the Dairy Farmer's "Real Cream" symbol. This symbol means there is no imported butter, oil or sugar blends that are used in its manufacturing, and that the ice cream is made with 100 per cent Canadian dairy ingredients.

The company which has approximately 130 full-time employees, owns retail outlets in Bobcaygeon, Minden, Bancroft, Lindsay, Uxbridge, Huntsville, Peterborough and Barrie. In the summer months the number of employees rises to 250. The Minden outlet employs about 10 people full-time and up to 25 part time-employees in the summer season.

Although there are no imminent plans for expansion "there are ongoing talks around plans to build a new warehouse and distribution centre some time down the road," said Frazer.

Kawartha Dairy has been a family success story and will be celebrated in style. In addition to weekly prizes in all eight outlets, plans are underway for special 75th anniversary celebrations at the Minden store on Aug. 3 and Bobcaygeon on Aug. 4. There will be live music, clowns, face painting for kids, prizes, and much more.

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Senior highlanders



Art talks to inspire

By Mark Arike

Fleming College's annual summer art talk series kicked off on July 4 with instructor Victoria Cowan (pictured left, photo by Mark Arike). The hour-long talk, held at the Haliburton School of the Arts, saw Cowan speak about art and aging with a focus on the creative experience in mid-life, the interplay of art and text.

Cowan is a prize-winning graduate of OCAD and Concordia University.

The next talk in the series will take place on July 18 at 4:45 p.m. and will feature Brian Smith.

Oh, these rusty joints

Aging Well



By Penny Brown

Dear Penny,

I used to be very limber but now I find my joints are stiff when I wake up in the morning. I feel a little bit like the tin man in the Wizard of Oz and could use a good oiling. It takes a good twenty or thirty minutes before I feel loose enough to start my day. Should I do stretching exercises? Do you have some limbering up exercises to suggest?

The Tin Man

Dear Tin Man,

Most of us grew up under the misconception that stretching our muscles did wonderful things. It really doesn't. It only stretches them.

If you are an athlete, stretching your muscles before stressing them with strenuous exercise is a good idea. If you are like most of us aging mortals, there's really no need to become an amateur acrobat at this stage of the game. Slinging your leg around your neck is not a goal worth working on. Backbends and splits are best left to the younger set.

As for morning exercises, I have a few simple stretching and limbering exercises you might try, but please don't expect them to make you as flexible as you were many years ago. Morning stiffness is a common complaint as people get older. Still, these exercises may help get you "oiled up" a little more quickly.

While all of the exercises on the list are low-stress, it's always a good idea to check with your doctor before beginning any new exercise routine. And by the way, if any of these exercises cause pain while you are performing them, stop immediately.

Elbow circling. Put your hands on your shoulders and make big circles in the air with your elbows. Twenty times clockwise. Twenty times counter-clockwise.

Arm circling. Stretch both arms to shoulder height and make big circles in

the air. Twenty times clockwise. Twenty times counter-clockwise.

Head circling. Let your head drop forward and just as the title suggests, circle your head. Five times in one direction, then five times in the opposite direction.

Knee Bends. Sitting on the floor or bed with your legs straight out in front of you, alternate bending one knee and then the other by pulling your heel towards your bottom. Repeat 10 times for each leg.

Hamstring Stretch. Stand up straight with your feet about 18 inches apart. Raise both hands above your head and arch your back so you stick your bottom out. Now slowly lean forward, keeping your back arched and your hands raised. You will feel the pull almost immediately, so take it easy and don't overdo. Your final aim is to have your body at right angles to your legs, but that will take time. Repeat this exercise five times and rest.

Leg circling. Hold on to a chair or table to steady yourself as you do this. Raise your right leg and make five big, slow circles in front of your body. Now, swing your leg to the back, and make five big, slow circles in back of your body. Repeat for the left leg.

Inner Thigh Stretch. Sit on the floor with your knees bent and the soles of your feet touching. Rest your elbows on your knees and use your body weight to get your knees to touch the ground. Maintain pressure for a count of five. Relax. Repeat five times.

Readers, if you have any other questions—about your mobility, your comfort, or just about getting through your day more safely and easily, I want to hear them. For real-life answers you can use, write to Penny at penny@haliburtonhighlander.ca.

Penny Brown graduated from the University of Toronto's School of Rehabilitation Medicine as a Physical and Occupational Therapist.

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Highlander people

Epilepsy run in honour of local teen

By Erin Lynch

Sixteen-year-old Katie Woudstra can't be alone. She can't lock doors. She can't go into the lake by herself. She can't go into a change room alone unless her mother, Geri, can crawl under the door. Without warning the teenager can fall down and have a grand mal seizure. Katie has epilepsy, a neurological disorder that affects the brain. Currently on her fifth trial of medication doctors and family are still uncertain what triggers Katie to have the seizures that plague her on average two to three times a month. According to her doctor, 95 per cent of epilepsy patients are able to control their seizures within the first two medication trials. Katie is in the rare 5 per cent of people diagnosed with the disorder.

Life hasn't always been so challenging for Katie. Everything changed for her and her close-knit family in December 2010 when she had her first grand mal seizure in the car while her mother was driving.

"We were coming from an ultrasound appointment as I had been experiencing some abdominal pain," says Katie. "The next thing I knew I woke up in an ambulance. I thought I was dying since there was so much commotion around me and I felt so out of it. I didn't recognize anyone around me and I was very frightened."

Her mom remembers that day, too. At first when Katie started to fly back in her car seat Geri thought she was fooling around. However the mother of three soon realized something was terribly wrong with her daughter. Luckily she was on the main street of Haliburton. She pulled her car over and desperately ran out screaming for someone to help her. Someone called an ambulance while another person called her husband.

Since then, the Woudstras have had more than their share of ambulances, emergency rooms, doctors and medical appointments.

"At one point I wanted to be a nurse, but that has changed since spending so much time in hospitals," says Katie.

Recently the teenager spent six days in the Epilepsy Unit of a London, Ontario teaching hospital. She was weaned off her medication as doctors triggered her to have a seizure while hooked up to medical equipment. Doctors wanted to get a better understanding of Katie's seizures to identify what options would be available, including brain surgery which could have offered a potentially lasting solution. Nonetheless, Katie's seizures do not occur in an area of her brain where surgery is an option.

"It was a huge let down," she says. "I can never have a permanent fix. It's possible I could outgrow epilepsy in my 20s."

Currently Katie is hoping to get a Vagal Nerve Stimulator which is essentially a pacemaker for the brain. There is hope that with the Vagal Nerve Stimulator and a different medication they will be able to control the seizures. The device is not covered by OHIP.

Until then Katie is unable to attend high school, a usual passage for most adolescents. Studies are done at home.

"At first I was pretty sad," says Katie. "I was very excited to be in high school. I was on the field hockey team. I got to spend such little time there."

Something that has been done for the young Loon Lake resident is *Katie's Run*. The scenic 10 km run and 2.5 family walk/run will take place at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike on July 21. The goal of the run is to raise funds for Epilepsy Canada. Kara Pogue, organizer of the run called Geri this spring saying she wanted to raise money for epilepsy research in honour of Katie.

Katie says she was really flattered when she heard about the run.

"We have seen lots of compassion," says Geri. "It brings out the best in people. Epilepsy is not as life threatening as Cancer, but has a huge effect on the quality of life."

Interested in running, walking or volunteering at *Katie's Run*? Go to katiesrun.ca for more information.



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Highlander events



Winners announced in Community Care draw

By Matthew Desrosiers

The wait is over. The winners of Community Care’s kayak and aluminum boat draw have been announced. David Thistle, of Mississauga ON, is the winner of a 13-foot kayak valued at \$1,200. Haliburton resident Heather Phillips won the 14-foot aluminum boat valued at \$1,600. Paul Morissette, recently named to the Community Care board of directors, drew the names on July 6 at the not-for-profit’s walk-in office. They sold 411 tickets, grossing approximately \$4,000.

Photo by Mathew Desrosiers
Thalia Nash (left), Paul Morissette and Brigitte Gebauer draw names for the winners of Community Care’s Kayak and Aluminum Boat draw on July 6.

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Trunk sale for ladies’ auxiliary

By Mark Arike

Shoppers were on the hunt for deals at this year’s trunk sale hosted by the Minden Ladies’ Legion Auxiliary. A number of vendors attended the July 7 event, which was held in the parking lot of the Minden Legion. The Auxiliary makes the annual event a fundraiser by charging \$10 per vendor. Money vendors make in sales is theirs to keep. “All the money [we make] goes back into the community to support other organizations,” said event organizer Marvella Smith. The ladies will host a yard and bake sale on Aug. 4 at the Minden Legion.

Photo by Mark Arike
Cottager Eric Broadhurst shows off some of the items he brought to the Minden Ladies’ Auxiliary trunk sale.



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| McKecks Blue Line Blue Sox | 9 | 0 |
| ODC Stone Sluggers | 7 | 2 |
| Brew Jays | 6 | 3 |
| Loose Mitts | 6 | 3 |
| Foodland Dandy Lions | 5 | 4 |
| Independent T-Bones | 4 | 5 |
| Century 21 Land Sharks | 2 | 7 |
| Village Donuts Brewed Awakenings | 1 | 7 |
| Ronald Sisson Crayon Crew | 0 | 9 |

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TheHighlander Community Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTICES
JULY 3 - AUGUST 24
Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre, ART
ATTACK, Tuesdays/Thursdays 11 a.m. -
12:30 p.m., Wednesdays/Fridays 1:30 - 3 p.m.,
a series of outdoor art activities for children
ages 6-12, younger children permitted if
accompanied by an adult caregiver, \$8 single,
\$15 for 2, \$20 for 3 or \$125 per child for all Art
Attack activities for the whole summer, www.railsendgallery.com/artattack

JULY 19-22 - Dusk Dances, 7 p.m. nightly at
as the sun sets over Head Lake Park, pay-what-
you-can, contributions support this community
event, BYO chairs/blankets, Dusk Dances
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Community Co-operative

JULY 19 - SEPTEMBER 1
Pro Tempore, Opening reception Friday, July
20, 4:30 p.m., Rod Prouse a mixed media artist
shows work spanning almost 40 years as a
professional artist from first video attempts in
the art world to printmaking and painting

AUGUST 3-4 - Colours of Canada -
Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild semi-annual
Quilt Show, Minden Curling Club, Friday 3-7
p.m., Saturday 10-4:30 p.m., Trish Miller-
Rohrer, 705-286-4774

AUGUST 8 - Rotary Club of Haliburton
Parade, this year's theme is Living Healthy &
Active in the Highlands, parade at 7 p.m., no
entry fee, to register contact Richard van Nood,
705-457-1500, thevanwoods@gmail.com

AUGUST 10-11 - Wilberforce Agricultural
Fair, Loop Road & County Rd 4, gates open 6
p.m. Friday & 9 a.m. Saturday, adults \$7 (\$5
Friday), children under 16 free, 705-448-2034

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thursday - 12
Bid Enchre, Minden Community Centre, 1-4
p.m., Bev, 705-286-3085

Friday - 13
Haliburton County Farmers' Market, 1-5 p.m.,
intersection of Hwy 118 & 35

Rails End Gallery, a short, informal
introduction to Social Networking, 9-10 a.m.,
attendance by donation, RSVP 705-457-2330

Music by the Gull, Minden, Bucket of Shrimp
Ears, rock and folk, 7 p.m., brought to you
by The Highlands Wind Symphony, Minden
Lions Club and The Times, bring a chair

Cribbage, Community Care, Haliburton, 1
p.m., 705-457-2941

Saturday - 14
Glamor Lake Cottagers' Association AGM,
Robert McCansland Centre, Gooderham, 9
a.m. meet 'n' greet, 10 a.m. meeting, annual
dnes \$15

Yard & Bake Sale, Masons of North Entrance
Lodge in Haliburton are holding this sale at 20
George Street, Haliburton, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., baked
goods, books, children's toys, tools & all kinds
of treasures - just follow the signs

Minden West Village Market, 150 Bobcaygeon
Road, Minden, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., vendors can
rent a 10 x 10' space for \$10 per day or \$15 per
weekend (Sat & Sun), contact Ehren, 705-306-
0787, ehren@bwanajohns.com

Sunday - 15
Group road bike ride, Boatweeks, call store for
details, 705-457-3737

Minden West Village Market, 150 Bobcaygeon
Road, Minden, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., vendors can
rent a 10 x 10' space for \$10 per day or \$15 per
weekend (Sat & Sun), contact Ehren, 705-306-
0787, ehren@bwanajohns.com

Highland's Opera Studio, Zion United Church,
Camarvon, 2-5 p.m., open vocal master
class/session, all genres of music and levels
of singers welcome, come out and sing in a
supportive and friendly environment

Highland's Opera Studio, auditions for male
choirs, Zion United Church, Camarvon, 5:30-7
p.m., for Magic Flute by Mozart, performances
August 26, 28 & 30, interested individuals
should come with two selections

Live Drive-In Gospel Music, Cobocook's
Foodland parking lot, every Sunday for July &
August, 7 p.m., sit in car or bring lawn chairs

Monday - 16
Haliburton County Table Tennis Club, 6-9
p.m., St. George's Church, 617 Mountain
Street, Haliburton, Mary or Jeff Martin, 705-
457-2260

Red Cross Swimming lessons, Haliburton
Lake Cottager's Association, weekly sessions
run Monday to Friday, including parent/tot
(starting at 4ths), preschool, Levels 1-10,
Bronze Star, Medallion & Cross, \$40 per child
per week, drop ins welcome \$10/lesson, more
info and register online at www.haliburtonlake.com

Celebrate Recovery, Lakeside Baptist Church,
7-10 p.m., admin@lakesidebaptist.ca

Contract Bridge, Community Care, Haliburton,
1 p.m., 705-457-2941

Tuesday - 17
Group bike ride, meet at the York Street
parking lot in Haliburton, call 705-457-3737
for more information

Wis, Community Care, Haliburton, 9-30 a.m.,
705-457-2941

Yoga at the library, Howard Roberts Room,
4-5 p.m., admission by donation

Adult Soccer, HHHS field, 6:30 p.m., waiver &
rules available at www.haliburtonsoccer.com

Wednesday - 18
Weekly bike rides, every Wednesday Sprint to
Fall, Boatweeks, everyone welcome

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION?

HALIBURTON Branch 129 - 705-457-2571
Wednesdays - Bingo 7 p.m.
Last Thursday of month - Ladies Auxiliary 1 p.m.

MINDEN Branch 636 - 705-286-4541, rcibramch636@hotmail.com
We now have an outdoor patio for
enjoyment by members and the public,
lunch menu Monday-Friday, beer battered
fish & chips 4th Friday of the month,
Saturday BBQ with shuffle board & newfie
horseshoes in the afternoon

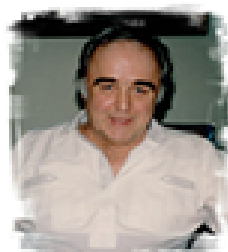
Monday to Friday - Lunch Menu 12-2 p.m.
Mondays (2nd & 4th of each month) - Rug
Hookers 10 a.m.,
Tuesdays - Bid Enchre 7:30 p.m.
Wednesdays - Lunch time meat draw
Thursdays - Enchre, 7:30 p.m.
Fridays - Radio Club 10 a.m.; Fish/Wings &
Chips dinner 5-7 p.m.
Saturday August 4 - yard sale, 7 a.m. - 2
p.m., donations of sale items appreciated,
call 705-286-4541 for pick up or delivery

WILBERFORCE Branch 624 - 705-448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com
Mondays - Bid Enchre 7 p.m.
Tuesday July 10 - General Meeting 7 p.m.
Wednesdays - Darts 7:30 p.m.
Fridays - Pool 1:30 p.m.; Jam Session 7 p.m.
Friday July 6 & 13 - Ham/Scallop Dinner
5-7 p.m.
Saturday July 14 - Uncle Bob's Kids Rock
Bass Derby - last chance to register at the
Fishes' Lunchbox, 10 a.m., total weight
caught, weigh-in 12-1 p.m., free family fun
for kids 3-12 years, Meat Draw 2 p.m.,

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Highlander announcements

OBITUARIES



Gordon Everall

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Extencicare-Haliburton on Wednesday evening, July 4, 2012 in his 79th year. Loving husband of Mabel Everall (nee Roberts). Loving father of David (Candy) of Deep River and Ann (Kevin Henderson) of Scarborough. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Julie and Ryan. Dear brother of Merv,

Kerry and Robin. Predeceased by his sister Joy. Also lovingly remembered by many neices and nephews.

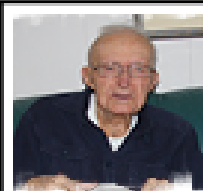
Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends may call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Monday morning, July 9, 2012 from 10

o'clock until time of Funeral Service at 11 o'clock. A Reception will follow in The Community Room. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or Extencicare -Proud Pioneers would be appreciated by the family.



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Eward 'Edward' Hogan

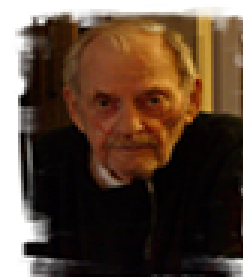
(Formerly of Wilberforce, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Thursday morning, July 5, 2012 in his 95th year. Beloved husband of the late Luella Hogan (nee Elliott). Loving father of Sandra and her husband John Hattin of Wilberforce. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren

Christine and Kimberly and great grandchildren Colin and Aidan. Dear brother of Leo, Viola, Julia, Marie and Luella. Predeceased by his brothers Bernard, Alphonse, Clem, Michael and Matthew James and his sisters Irene and Bridget. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Eward was a founder of Bicroft Mines. He was foremost a prospector, fisherman, carpenter and he enjoyed his family. Eward was always willing to share his carpentry skills.

Visitation, Mass of Christian Burial & Reception

Friends were invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Friday afternoon, July 6, 2012 from 4-7 p.m. Then to ST. JOHN VIANNEY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH Highland Grove for Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday morning, July 7, 2012 at 10 o'clock. Interment South Wilberforce Cemetery. A reception followed at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #624, Wilberforce, Ontario. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Bancroft Mineral Museum or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family.



Louis Maclean Hodgson

March 21, 1936 - July 7, 2012

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Saturday July 7, 2012 in his 77th year. Loving father of Jamie and Kerry. Dear brother of Tom, Anna English, and Margaret Downey. Predeceased by his brothers Douglas and Glenn. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Louis was an R.C.M.P. Constable from 1954-1957 and an MPP for the

Victoria/Haliburton area from 1963 until 1967.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Tuesday afternoon, July 10, 2012 from 4 - 7 p.m. Then again on Wednesday morning, July 11, 2012 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. A reception will follow in The Community Room. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Al-Anon would be appreciated by the family.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Rick and Nancy Doran of Barrie, formerly Haliburton, are excited to announce the safe arrival of their first grandchild,

Olivia Greer Doran

on Sunday, June 24, 2012

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IN MEMORY

IN MEMORIUM

James Edward "Carson" Howe

Passed away peacefully on April 10th, 2012 at Milton District Hospital in his 91st year. Carson was predeceased by his loving wife of 64 years, Helen Yardley Howe (nee Hopkins) in 2009. As a long time cottager and seasonal resident of Davis Lake, Carson had a strong and unwavering love and commitment to "life on the lake" at the historic Gordon Hopkins family cottage.

Carson was born and raised in Janetville, Ontario and was the youngest and last surviving member of 5 children from parents, James Edward Howe and Elizabeth Maud Ada Howe (nee Staples). Carson is sadly missed by his two children: David Hopkins Howe (wife Shirley Anne) of Davis Lake (Haliburton) and Cynthia Helen Howe of Milton, Ontario. Affectionately known as "Papa," Carson was very proud of his 5 amazing grandchildren: Andrea Schweg (Joe) in Dundas, Robert Howe (Izabela) in the Kincardine area, Heather Howe in Toronto, John and Maureen McMulkin in Milton. Also beloved "Papa" to his 4 wonderful great grandchildren: Justin & Johnny Howe and Owen & Ryder Schweg, who brought him so much joy in his twilight years.

Carson attended high school in Lindsay and was active in athletics, as a high school pole vaulter and hockey player for the Lindsay Juniors travelling team. Carson moved to Toronto in the early 1940's, began a 30 year career with Massey Harris Ferguson, married Helen and together raised their family. Throughout Carson's busy working career, he made time to volunteer and assist in a wide variety of his life interests. As a cub and scout leader, hockey coach, Red Cross frequent blood donor, local church administrator and youth recreation volunteer - Carson loved to help make the world he lived in a better place! Carson was blessed with a sharp mind, a quick wit and an incredible ability to figure out how to get things done. All excellent qualities, which made him highly effective and very popular in his world of work, play, community and family.

During Carson's many retirement years he loved his organic vegetable garden at the lake. When he wasn't busy building docks, the sea flea, a boat house, a garage or making cabinets or furniture and fixing things in his busy workshop, he could be found working in his garden. Retirement winters were more leisurely at La Casa, near Venice, Florida on the sun coast. For most of his 24 years as a snowbird, Carson (and Helen) played tennis and rode bikes in the mornings and enjoyed afternoons lounging around the pool and hot tub - talking and swimming with friends and neighbours, while planning the next cottage projects for the upcoming summer season.

Sadly, Carson will be making his final journey to the lake for the weekend of July 28th. Family, friends and all those who knew him are invited to attend a memorial service to be held at the Kinmount United Church on Saturday July 28th at 12 noon to celebrate Carson's life with us. A luncheon reception will follow at the Kinmount Community Centre (the former Hopkins Hall) starting around 1 pm. Following the luncheon reception, the immediate family will lay Carson's ashes to rest beside his beloved Helen, at the Howe's family plot in Kinmount Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, in memory contributions to The Arthritis Society of Canada would be appreciated.



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EVENTS

Yard & Bake Sale, Saturday, July 14, 20 George Street, Haliburton, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., baked goods, books, children's toys, tools and all kinds of treasures (JL12)

FOR RENT

SHARED or SINGLE accommodation, one level of house with 2 bedrooms, living, dining, kitchen, bathroom, fridge, stove, washer, dryer OR can be shared by 2 individuals renting 1 bedroom each sharing other facilities, no pets, no smoking, references required, call evenings 705-286-2900 (JL26)

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FOR RENT

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FOR SALE

PADDLE BOAT and large Sea-doo water trampoline, call 705-286-3288 (JL19)

INGLIS DRYER, 1 year old, \$200, 705-286-3733 (JL19)

RIFLE - .270 Rem. 700 bolt action comp. stock with 3-9 power scope, sling, 2 clips – firm \$500. **SHOTGUN** 12 gauge Winchester speed pump, comp. stock, standard barrel with chokes and rifled barrel with rear sight and base for scope mount – firm \$700 – phone 705-754-3954 (JL19)

SOFA & CHAIRS – sink yourself into a dark blue denim camel-armed sofa, reversible cushions, great shape, \$250; 6 antique press back chairs, unique designs, \$40 each, 705-489-1109 (JL12)

ARROW SAIL BOAT, length 12'4", beam 4'9", \$900 or will trade for 2 kayaks, like new main & jib sail and aluminum rigging, removable keel, good condition, yellow hull, moored in Haliburton, call Susan, 705-708-2164 (JL12)

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HELP WANTED

YOUTHFUL, ENTHUSIASTIC PERSON required, Minden area, full time, \$12-\$13 per hour, a job with a future for the right person, must have own transportation, email hcjob75@yahoo.ca (JL19)

YARD HAND

to assist with loading and unloading building materials, customer service, general stock taking, fork lift training an asset, variable hours, drop off resume in person to Carnarvon Castle, Hwy 35 & 118, 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

WANTED

Minden West Village Market welcomes all vendors, artisans, garage salers, and weekend wholesalers, 150 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays & Sundays, vendors spots, 10ft x 10ft 10\$ per day or 15\$ per weekend, contact Ehren at ehren@bwanajohns.com or 705 306 0787 (JL26)

Clean budgie bird cage with stand, call 705-286-2488 (JL12)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LINDA READE, MA, RSW of Life Passages Counselling invites women to join *The Women's Lodge*, a 12 week group on Native Women's Spirituality. Topics include: medicine wheel teachings, learn traditional songs and ceremonies. Starting Tuesday, August 7, 6-7:30 p.m. at Minden Mental Health Centre, lower level classroom, Heritage Plaza, Minden. Please call Linda for information at 705-489-3967. (JL26)

ALCOHOL PROBLEMS - call Alcoholics Anonymous - we care, 705-324-9900 (TFN)

THANK YOU

"I would like to thank the following for helping to make my life easier, after my house fire on June 2nd - Fire Dept"

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All my neighbours, especially Ron and Shirley, for offers of help
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My Size
Organic Times
Minden House B&B
Stouffer Mill B&B
Minden United Church Women
Minden Anglican Church
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NOTICE TO TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS RATEPAYERS

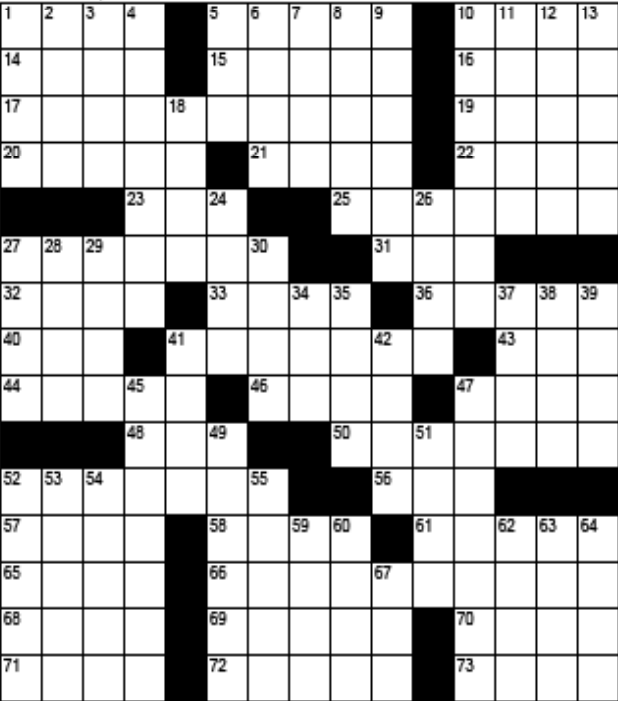
This is to advise that the Township of Minden Hills will be accepting boat Shrink Wrap at the Scotch Line Landfill Site only, Scotch Line Road West, Minden, during July 1st to July 29th, 2012. The cost is \$5.00 per wrap and all wraps should be clean and free of foreign debris, nails, wood or ropes (save for one rope to tie up the shrink wrap tightly).

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ACROSS

- 1. Droop
- 5. Greek vowel
- 10. Talk back
- 14. Sailing
- 15. Manservant
- 16. Wood source
- 17. Colony
- 19. Mexican water
- 20. Green sauce
- 21. Walk nervously
- 22. Metal corrosion
- 23. Impressed utterance
- 25. Eternal
- 27. Stupid
- 31. "____ Hard" (Willis film)
- 32. Loony
- 33. Tibetan monk
- 36. Severe
- 40. Wind dir.
- 41. Yearly publication

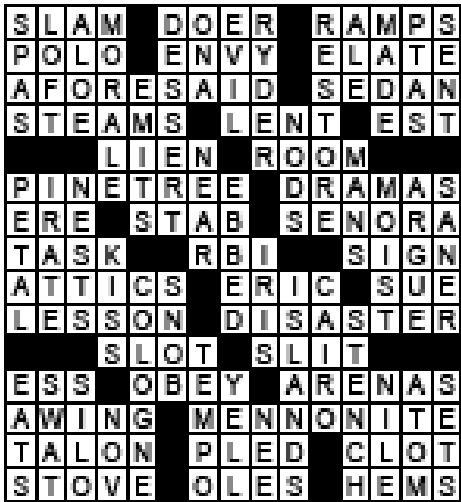
- 43. ____ Grande
- 44. Large trucks
- 46. Actor Sean ____
- 47. Tiny insect
- 48. Fib
- 50. Moral
- 52. Watertight coating
- 56. Billion years
- 57. English river
- 58. Sunbathes
- 61. Flag-maker ____ Ross
- 65. Actor Richard ____
- 66. Qualified voters
- 68. Picnic crashers
- 69. Nero, e.g.
- 70. Skating jump
- 71. RR stops
- 72. Scornful sound
- 73. Floppy

DOWN

- 1. Social insect
- 2. Got it! (2 wds.)
- 3. Allows
- 4. Skin drawings
- 5. Street (abbr.)
- 6. Light source
- 7. Petition
- 8. From this place
- 9. Wait on
- 10. Hollywood hopeful
- 11. Dispute
- 12. Author Dr. ____
- 13. Benches
- 18. Burglar's booty
- 24. Knoll
- 26. Part of DJ
- 27. Roadhouses
- 28. Sand hill
- 29. Ledger entry
- 30. Tent site
- 34. ____ West of Hollywood
- 35. "The Diary of ____ Frank"
- 37. Rock's ____ Clapton
- 38. Film legend ____ Hayworth
- 39. Christmas carol
- 41. The Orient
- 42. Poker stake
- 45. Sickness
- 47. ____ water
- 49. Comes in
- 51. Tramp
- 52. Legendary stories
- 53. Occurrence
- 54. Heart artery
- 55. Vulture's claw
- 59. Movie fish
- 60. Injury mark
- 62. City transportation
- 63. Rose stalk
- 64. Dog's cry
- 67. Blasting letters

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Last week's puzzle solutions



Puzzle 1 (Medium, difficulty rating 1.55)

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| 3 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| 1 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 4 |
| 9 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 3 |
| 4 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 5 |
| 7 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| 6 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 1 |
| 5 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 2 |
| 2 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 9 |

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F70 Yamaha 4 Stroke, Shorelander trailer, Tonneau & Bow Cover, starting from

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Champion 505

F90 hp Yamaha 4 Stroke, Tonneau & Bow Cover, Tilt Steering, Flip up bucket seats, ski bar, **LAST ONE ONLY**

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Champion 535

F115 hp Yamaha 4 Stroke, covers, clarion AM/FM/CD, ski bar, flip up bucket seats, full fiberglass liner, **LAST ONE ONLY**

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Larson LX710

3.0L MerCruiser, Shorelander trailer, covers, AM/FM/MP3, stainless steel package, **LAST ONE ONLY**

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READY TO GO



Bennington 20SL

T50 Yamaha 4 stroke, highthrust, mooring cover, 10ft Bimini, top, 25" Pontoon upgrade, docking lights, rear entry with swim ladder. Starting from

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F115 Yamaha 4 stroke, covers, 3 pontoons, ski bar, extended transom, kicker speakers, rear sun lounge, **LAST ONE ONLY**

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Halls Lake - \$469,000



- 4 season cottage on point lot with 250 ft
- natural rock shoreline
- one of Ontario's cleanest & deepest lakes
- cottage sits close to the water's edge
- waterfront bunkie

Stormy Lake - \$449,000



- 4 season cottage/home - totally renovated
- open concept, sunroom, family room
- completely winterized 2 bedrooms
- double lot with 212 frontage
- 18 x 14 bunkie & 24 x 12 boathouse & garage



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4 Season Home - \$399,900



- 2000 sq ft home/cottage
- 160 feet waterfront on spring fed lake
- Convenient 2 hour drive of the GTA
- Expansive Southern view
- Close to Minden and all amenities

Great Privacy - \$299,000



- 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1100 sq ft
- 102 feet frontage, 1.37 acres
- Gradual sand entry, deep water off dock
- Large 2 tiered wrap around decking
- Detached garage, lakeside storage bunks



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Robcaygeon Rd - \$115,000



Lindsay Elder**
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- Over 10 acres -
- backing onto Crown Land
- Fabulous hunt camp or get-away property
- Drilled well and septic
- Interior can be finished to your taste
- Year round road

Stormy Lake - \$309,000



- four season enjoyment
- cathedral ceiling - open concept
- gorgeous beach
- three season bunkie (sleeps a lot)
- natural lot - very low maintenance



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Drag Lake - \$459,000



- 3 Bedrooms
- detached 2 car garage
- extensive decking and docking
- natural shoreline
- deep water
- 3.39 acres & 187 frontage

Coleman Lake - \$249,500



- 3 bedrooms
- quiet motor restricted lake
- private waterfront - gradual entry, sand bottom
- out building could easily be a bunkie
- year round road
- close to amenities

Two Family Home - \$639,900



- 5 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 4,000 sq. ft.
- 120 ft frontage with clean sand shoreline
- full lower level walkout
- year round access with ample parking
- 26 x 24 detached/28 x 24 attached garage

Year Round Cottage - \$259,900



- 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 700 sq ft
- 102 feet frontage, 0.64 acre
- large level lot, sandy shoreline
- open concept, view of lake
- new roof and wrap around decking



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Denna Lake - \$299,900



- cute as a button, 4 bedroom cottage, 1,100 sq ft
- open concept, fully finished basement
- laminated flooring throughout the basement
- new roof 2 years ago & new deck
- your own private boat launch

Salerno Lake \$469,000



- open concept living/dining & kitchen
- 5 bedrooms for family & friends
- year round private lot
- exceptionally well maintained cottage/home



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Pine Lake - \$449,000



- 125 feet sand beach, 1.3 acre lot
- 3+2 bdrm renovated year round cottage
- Fully equipped winterized bunkie
- 3 bay detached garage
- Cozy Family Room, walkouts to decks

Vacant - 9.92 acres - \$49,900



- Close to Town
- mix of soft and hardwood trees
- many ideal building locations
- year round access
- rough in driveway with culverts installed
- hydro and telephone at road



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Crystal Lake level lot \$389,900



- Spacious 3-bedroom, solid construction
- Full unfinished basement with walkout
- Gorgeous level lot with 125' of shoreline
- Situated in quiet bay with low boat traffic
- Sandy waste-in shoreline
- Excellent swimming and boating

Crystal Lake South Exp \$435,000



- Updated 3 bedroom, pine floors/interior
- Stone fireplace, open concept floor plan
- 300 amp electric, dishwasher, new shingles
- Point lot with south and east exposure
- Deep clean water, exceptional views
- 300' of private shoreline, 2 docks + Cabana

Close to Town - \$149,900



- Immediate occupancy
- 2+1 bedroom, 2 bath
- minutes to all amenities
- year round municipal access
- great potential - sold "As Is"

Convenient Cottage - \$85,900



- 2 bedroom open concept cottage
- charming view of lake
- 5 lake chain access
- affordable cottage
- sold "As Is", immediate occupancy



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Haliburton Lake - \$249,000



- PRICED TO SELL!
- 157 ft of sand & rock shoreline
- 3 bedroom, open concept
- new dock & woodstove
- completely furnished
- turn key ready to enjoy

Nesbitt Road - \$29,000



- 2 acre, level, well treed building lot
- close to Minden & golf courses
- municipal, quiet dead end road
- dug well, hydro at the road
- great spot for your dream home



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Gooderham/Pine Lake - \$289,000



- privacy, clean shoreline & sunset exposure
- open concept cottage, bed in the loft
- 2 bdrm sleeping ctye
- backing onto crown land
- sandy shoreline & deep diving
- cottage furnished & ready to enjoy!

Iron Lake Acreage - \$130,000



- 100 ac, Managed Forest Plan, mature pine plantation
- gated entry to a cleared area where a log cabin used to be
- well treed, maple sugar bush stand
- extensive frontage on Iron Lake
- acreage backs onto hundreds of ac of crown land



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Hwy 35 Exposure - \$349,900



- main showroom with 4,850 sq. ft.
- un-insulated steel barn 5,000 sq. ft.
- showroom incl office, kitchen, bathroom
- double attached garage
- excellent opportunity

Carnarvon Bowl - \$149,900



- high visibility Highway intersection
- turn key set-up
- restaurant and banquet room
- 6 lanes of 5 pin bowling
- consistent cash flow opportunity



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